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Sam Young led the way as Pitt crushed St. John's at the Garden. **1B**

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- Charles Elmer Black, 80, Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township)
- Elsie Marie Johnson, 85, Port St. Lucie, Fla., formerly of Belle Vernon
- Roy Kelly, 88, Dunmore, formerly of Scranton
- Charles G. "Montana" Kovacik, 84, Donora
- Mary J. Kubic, 89, Monessen
- Reno P. Levino, 92, Newark, Ohio
- Bruce Hamilton McVicker, 53, Donora, formerly of Monongahela
- Rose A. Scaglione, 96, Monongahela
- Barbara A. Sealy, 83, West Brownsville
- Stella Ryan Sheperd, 81, Monongahela (Victory Hill)
- Jean G. Snyder, 91, Pittsburgh, formerly of Bentleyville
- Deborah Lee Sterner, 56, Woodstock, Va.
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Pettit probe target

Federal officials are investigating the ex-district attorney's official actions.

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A federal grand jury heard testimony Wednesday in the two-year public corruption investigation of former District Attorney John C. Pettit, one of Washington County's most powerful politicians until he lost a bid for a seventh term in November.

Pettit

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Pittsburgh is investigating whether Pettit, 72, fixed cases, solicited false testimony, took inmates and informants to buy drugs and traded sex with female inmates for leniency, three sources told the Tribune-Review.

One woman, Tiffany Ryan, 32, a state prison inmate whose criminal record includes arrests for prostitution and drug offenses, spent more than four hours yesterday behind closed doors with the grand jury at the U.S. District Courthouse.

Ryan

Pettit could not be reached for comment. He is in the middle of a monthlong vacation that he planned a year ago, said his attorney, Patrick Thomassey, who believes his client is in New Zealand.

"All I've heard for a year is rumors, and you're telling me more about this than I ever heard," Thomassey said. "I don't know what they're looking at."

The office of U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan declined to comment.

Investigators recorded Pettit

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Regola wants charges dismissed

The state senator claims there is no proof he lied at a coroner's inquest.

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GREENSBURG – Attorneys for state Sen. Robert Regola told a Westmoreland County judge Wednesday that perjury charges against the lawmaker should be dismissed.

Regola

They claim there is no evidence to prove Regola lied when he testified at a coroner's inquest last year.

Defense attorney Charles Porter said a discrepancy in what investigators claim Regola, 45, said about the whereabouts of a handgun used in the suicide of his 14-year-old neighbor, Louis Farrell, is not sufficient to allow prosecutors to proceed with the perjury charge.

"There is no evidence to show what was said at the inquest was false. They (prosecutors) just chose to believe what was said at the home was true," Porter said.

The hourlong hearing yesterday morning included no testimony and resulted in no decisions. Judge John Blahovec ordered defense attorneys to file supplemental written arguments within 30 days and gave Westmoreland County District Attorney John Peck another 15 days to reply.

Blahovec pushed back Regola's trial – which had been scheduled to begin in March – to at least May.

Regola sat silently in the courtroom as lawyers argued a series of pretrial motions filed last year in which the senator is seeking to have the charges dismissed and Peck to be recused from the case.

In addition to the perjury charges, Regola faces a felony gun offense because he allegedly allowed his teenage son access to a 9 mm Taurus handgun and misdemeanor charges of reckless endangerment and false swearing under oath.

In October, Robert "Bobby" Regola IV, was adjudicated delinquent on a misdemeanor gun charge by Westmoreland County Judge Chris Feliciani for possessing the gun.

Regola, a Republican freshman from Hempfield, is seeking a second term. He would be expelled from the Senate if convicted of a felony offense.

Regola is charged with three felony counts of perjury stemming from testimony at the coroner's inquest that examined the circumstances of Farrell's death.

The teenager was found dead on July 22, 2006, in the woods behind his home. He suffered a gunshot wound to the head from a weapon

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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Unhappy with littering at the site, officials in Donora closed the street hockey facility in Palmer Park earlier this month. The unkempt conditions did not remain for long because the facility was looking mighty spiffy last week. *The Valley Independent* periodically publishes photographs of public and private property that either is in need of improvement or examples of beautification.

Redd Up The VALLEY

With dramatic 2007 growth, Westmoreland needs space

As Sony shrinks, space could become available at the technology center site.

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Economic development officials in Westmoreland County said 2007 was a good year as companies invested an estimated $398 million to expand or modernize their businesses.

"It was a dramatic year for Westmoreland County," said John A. Skiavo, CEO of Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland.

He reported the investment supported 3,596 existing jobs and could potentially create 1,631 jobs.

Skiavo pointed to Westinghouse Electric Co., which said it plans to spend $13 million to revamp its Blairsville plant for work connected to new reactor contracts in China.

Westinghouse said in May its booming nuclear reactor business will bring about 300 jobs to the Waltz Mill research-and-testing center in Madison.

Skiavo made his remarks Wednesday at the Growth Connection's annual meeting at DeNunzio's Chophouse at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. About 130 attended.

But growth does come with a price. The county is running out of land to develop, particularly in the northern tier, which is home to the Westmoreland Business & Research Park in Upper Burrell and Washington Township. It is among 16 business parks operated by the county, said Larry J. Larese, executive director of Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corp.

"We don't have any land to sell, and that's our biggest challenge," Larese said.

He stated the business park only has five small lots remaining, all four acres or less in size.

Larese said the county has been talking to Alcoa Inc., which he estimates owns about 1,800 acres in the northern tier of the county.

County officials said they continue to discuss the possibility of leasing parts of Sony Technology Center-Pittsburgh, a sprawling complex resting on a 450-acre site in Hempfield and East Huntingdon townships.

Several hundred jobs were shed in March when Sony Corp. announced it was moving some TV production to Tijuana, Mexico. The local plant makes Sony's 52-inch, flat-panel Bravia TVs.

Sony is still deciding what direction to take. "We're evaluating the efficacy of making it a multi-tenant facility to take advantage of empty space," said Michael L. Koff, a Sony spokesman.

Koff said about 1 million square feet of space is available. He said it doesn't take as much space to make flat-panel TVs as it did for phased-out cathode-ray-tube televisions and rear-projection models.

Ringgold worried about pyrite at high school

The school board will not move ahead with renovations until the issue is resolved.

By JEFF OLIVER
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CARROLL TOWNSHIP – The Ringgold School Board is eagerly pursuing a renovation project at the high school.

However, the board will not rush the project through just to get it done and end up with problems afterward.

During a special meeting Wednesday, the board tabled a recommendation from its architect concerning proposed renovations of the cafeteria, hallway and band room at the high school.

The board met in the high school cafeteria.

The board delayed action because of concerns about active pyrite beneath the cafeteria.

Board President Denise Kuhn said she and her colleagues believe the architect's presentation "did not sufficiently address" the pyrite problem.

The architectural firm HHSDR's presentation dealt mainly with the hallway to the band room, Kuhn said.

The pyrite issue must be

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owned by Regola. After the inquest, Coroner Ken Bacha concluded Farrell committed suicide. The Farrell family has disputed that finding.

The day before he died, Farrell had access to the Regola home to care for the senator's dogs. The senator was out of town at the time.

During the inquest, Sen. Regola testified the gun had been kept in his bedroom, not in the bedroom of his son, then 16.

But prosecutors contend that hours after Farrell's body was discovered, Regola told police the gun had been kept in his son's bedroom.

"There is no evidence the gun was anywhere but in the senator's room on July 22," Porter said.

Arguing in support of the perjury charges, Peck said Regola's inquest testimony was a means to protect himself from being incriminated on other potential charges.

"It's a crime to provide a weapon to a minor, and the defendant became aware of that. And he didn't want to admit that he committed a crime in those previous statements," Peck said.

Regola wants Peck off the case. His attorneys claim that a statement Peck gave to reporters less than a week after Louis Farrell's death suggested the district attorney believed there was no criminal behavior on Regola's part.

Peck said yesterday that he made the statement before the investigation was completed.

Attorneys did not address Regola's request to have jurors from another county brought in for the trial. Blahovec said that motion will be dealt with at a later date.

WTAE Channel 4 Action News reported that the notes police took during their conversation with Regola are missing, and the defense believes a perjury conviction is impossible without them.

"I really can't go into details except to tell you there is a flat-out contradiction between what he told police on July 22, 2006, and what he testified at the coroner's inquest," Peck said.

Regola's defense team argued yesterday that evidence of Regola's interview with police on July 22 in the form of investigators' notes have disappeared.

"The notes were destroyed, so they're basing it on notes that we were not privy to address what the senator said with reference to those statements," defense attorney Duke George said.

Peck said the destruction of notes is standard procedure.

"The court informed me this morning that, as far as we know, all the troopers as a matter of custom destroy all notes when they make them into final reports," Peck said.

'Cash 5' prize at least $200,000

HARRISBURG (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $200,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Wednesday's game. Lottery officials said 89 players matched four numbers and won $373.50 each; 2,900 players matched three numbers and won $12.50 each; and 33,913 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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Yesteryear

Five members of the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame are pictured at the 1977 PIAA banquet at the Alpine Club in Monessen. Seated, from left, are Mitch Bailey, class of 2005; and Joe Gladys, 1996. Standing are Bucky Lutes and Carl Crawley Jr., 1997; and P. Bud Roman, 1973. The photo is from the Hall of Fame archives.

If you have a good old-time photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

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BVA board hears renovation update

Work is being planned for both Marion and Rostraver elementary schools.

By COLLEEN POLLOCK
For The Valley Independent

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP – The Belle Vernon Area School Board has received information about a planned building expansion project that will add three new kindergarten classrooms at Marion Elementary School and a fourth-grade wing at Rostraver Elementary.

Robert Grove, of Celli-Flynn Brennan Architects and Planners, presented construction documents this week detailing the project, which will help the district accommodate full-day kindergarten next fall. Grove said architectural drawings are about 98 percent complete.

At Marion, the 5,200-square foot addition to the rear of the building will feature the classrooms, an open court area, janitors' room, instructors' storage area and toilets.

The extension will be adjacent to two existing kindergarten classrooms.

Superintendent Robert Nagy said four kindergarten classes are anticipated, with one room open for a yet-to-be-determined use.

At Rostraver, the cluster wing will feature four 855-square-foot classrooms to make room for additional kindergarteners who will occupy existing classrooms in the front area of the building. The fourth-grade wing, to be constructed on a rear parking lot, will be linked to the building via an enclosed ramp.

The latter project will include a breakout area, janitors' closet, parking area with turnaround and expanded asphalt playground.

The board previously considered a new science center at the high school, but because of costs decided to upgrade existing labs. The physics and chemistry labs will receive the lion's share of the upgrades.

Celli Flynn Brennan will receive 6 percent of total construction costs. Thomas Celli declined to project overall cost to the district.

Celli anticipates the classrooms will be ready by Aug. 15 when the new school year starts.

Also on this week, the board agreed to discussions with the Belle Vernon Area Education Association for a possible five-year, early-bird extension of the contract that expires June 30, 2009.

The district's secretarial unit informed the board that it has assigned mediator Melanie Archangelo to assist in ongoing contract negotiations. The agreement with the secretaries expires June 30.

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resolved before above-ground work can take place, Kuhn said.

"Yes, we want to do these renovation projects. But we don't want to rush the job just because we want to get it done," Kuhn said. "We want to get it right. We don't want another Finley (Middle School) at the high school. We want to do this correctly."

Although Finley remains open, pyrite problems have been discovered. The board is considering construction of a new middle school.

Kuhn said the next step will be core drillings the second week of March in the affected areas. Students will be out of school that week.

"We want to handle the pyrite situation sufficiently," Kuhn said.

"We don't want to do work and then go back in and pay to have it done over again."

Pettit (FROM PAGE ONE)

having sex with three women whose criminal cases were being prosecuted by his office, two sources said. One of those women was Ryan, a county jail inmate at the time, sources said.

The investigators recorded trysts allegedly involving Pettit at his office and public parking lots, two sources said.

U.S. marshals prevented reporters from questioning Ryan as they led her from the grand jury.

Two sources said authorities are investigating Pettit for driving two female defendants and a male informant individually to Washington County crack houses so they could buy drugs while he waited outside. Authorities want to know whether Pettit did so in exchange for information or sex, the sources said.

Ryan briefly cooperated with authorities, several times wearing a wire, the sources said. She eventually stopped and confessed to Pettit, who nonetheless continued his personal relationship with her, sources said.

Thomassey said he does not know what, if any, personal relationship Pettit has with Ryan. Thomassey said she did not get lenient treatment from his client.

"If John Pettit was going to fix her cases, he didn't do a very good job at it," Thomassey said. "She was in and out of treatment and jail."

Washington County Correctional Facility records custodian David Talpas and Sheriff's Chief Deputy James D'Alessandro have been subpoenaed to testify about inmate records from the jail and documents taken from the sheriff's department regarding the transport of 13 inmates.

Sheriff Samuel Romano and D'Alessandro said they, along with federal and state investigators, combed through sheriff's records dating back to 2001, looking for transportation information for 13 inmates and finding about 40 records of interest. They declined to identify the inmates.

"They're looking for who went to John Pettit's office and how long they were in the office," Romano said. "We don't know why they were there."

Inmate visits to the district attorney's office surfaced as an issue in October in Washington County.

President Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca issued an order banning inmates' removal from the jail without a court order. The judge issued the directive after video surveillance showed two female inmates entering the courthouse with sheriff's deputies, but later leaving with two escorts.

"That, to me, was a huge security issue -- huge," O'Dell Seneca said. "I was a little concerned about the freedom that it appeared these two women have."

Neither the judge nor Romano would identify the inmates. Romano said the inmates left with Pettit's staff.

"We leave them in the custody of the detective in the DA's office, and the DA then dismissed the deputies," Romano said.

FBI agents have expressed interest in several criminal cases, pulling court records, questioning attorneys and judges and attending hearings, according to attorneys, judges and other sources.

One case of interest involves convicted killer Alex Martos, who pleaded guilty to a 1999 murder. In court documents, Martos contends Pettit frequently had him brought out of his cell to the district attorney's office for extended periods, and sometimes allowed him to be taken off county property for extra privileges.

The allegations are contained in a civil rights lawsuit Martos filed against Pettit, Washington County and other officials. Pettit has denied any wrongdoing in court papers.

Martos and his attorney, Pete Suwak, blame Pettit for a three-year delay in his sentencing. They contend Pettit caused the delay so he could use Martos as an informant in other cases.

Pettit provided Martos with restaurant food, immunity from jail punishment, extra visits with his family and unfulfilled promises of sex with a female inmate, Martos claims. Pettit wanted him to recruit other jailhouse informants and coach them on what to say, Martos alleges.

One involved the prosecution of Gerald Gregg, who was accused of killing drug dealer Fred Brilla, 50, and Martin Brahler, 40, both of North Strabane in a local bar in November 2003. A jury acquitted Gregg in the slayings.

Also subpoenaed was Washington County Solicitor J. Lynn DeHaven, who was expected to discuss a 2,000-pound safe removed from Pettit's office at the courthouse. Thomassey said the county-owned safe contained evidence from criminal cases, including a large amount of cocaine and, he believes, guns.

Thomassey said the safe was used by county police and the drug task force. He said Pettit seldom went in it.

Valley briefs

22-year-old man killed in crash

WASHINGTON TWP. – The Fayette County Coroner's office confirmed Thursday that a 22-year-old Perryopolis man and former U.S. Navy instructor was the victim of a fatal vehicle accident Wednesday.

Christopher S. Bissett, 22, of Perryopolis, was killed after he lost control of his vehicle at 12:30 a.m. on Perryopolis Road in Washington Township.

Washington Township Police Chief James McCune said Bissett was trapped inside of his 2002 Ford Mustang after it struck a utility pole, landed on its wheels after rolling over, and caught fire.

Fayette County Deputy Coroner Alvin Sapp pronounced Bissett dead at the scene.

Bissett was a 2003 Frazier High School graduate who enlisted in the Navy in August 2003.

He was stationed in Norfolk, Va., and served as a small arms instructor on the U.S.S. Harry Truman aircraft carrier.

Bissett served in the Persian Gulf during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He was decorated with the Top Gun Award for Excellent Marksmanship.

Bissett had recently returned home after completing four years of service.

A complete obituary is on page 4A in today's edition.

Cal U threat case continued

CALIFORNIA, Pa. – The case of a California man accused of threatening to kill university students was continued for 90 days.

Zachary Brett Buday, 21, of 422 Wilkins Ave., California, was charged Jan. 15 with terroristic threats after he allegedly posted a MySpace Web page message threatening to kill 12,000 Cal U students.

Current enrollment is 8,207.

As a condition of the continuance, Magisterial District Judge Joshua Kanalis ordered Buday to undergo mental health evaluation and drug and alcohol screening. He also must undergo anger management and cannot have contact with the university for 90 days.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Buday posted a message on his MySpace Web page, "Boot-Strap Bootie gonna kill 12,000 Cal U Students."

According to the affidavit, Buday told police he put the message on his Web site about three months ago and did so because he was frustrated with the fall move-in traffic congestion problems near his residence.

Buday told police he never intended to carry out the threat, according to the affidavit.

Heidi Murrin/For The Valley Independent

Pittsburgh Zoo aquarist Beth Bressler introduces macaroni penguin "Micky" to new polar bear "Marty" during a walk this week at the zoo. The keepers schedule different enrichment activities to stimulate the animals. This was one of the first times in public for Marty, who has just begun being shown at the zoo.

Wecht trial may last until spring

Testimony is scheduled to start Monday in the public corruption trial.

By JASON CATO
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The dozen people who will decide the fate of renowned forensic pathologist Dr. Cyril H. Wecht will be indoors until the weather warms, a federal judge said Wednesday.

"The good news is when we're done, it will probably be spring," U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Schwab told the jurors in his Pittsburgh courtroom. "The sun will be out. The birds will be chirping."

The six men and six women were picked to hear opening statements and testimony starting Monday in a public corruption trial expected to last up to 10 weeks.

Wecht, 76, of Squirrel Hill is accused of using his public office while Allegheny County coroner for private gain, as well as defrauding clients of his pathology consulting business. He is charged with 41 counts of fraud and theft.

The final day of jury selection, which began Jan. 10, started with a reading of the names of more than 200 potential witnesses.

The witness list included Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato and his predecessor, Jim Roddey.

Readers have the write stuff for trivia

Ron **PAGLIA**

Time was - long before the advent and marvels of computers - when newspaper editors and reporters found their daily mail filled with letters from readers.

Those messages varied in terms of subjects as well as the mood of those who took the time to write words of praise or express harsh disagreement.

Today, thanks to electronic mail, readers can express their feelings or ask questions much quicker. And so it is with those who delight in pursuing trivia.

For instance, a "football fanatic" in Charleroi wants to know who played in the backfield for the University of Pittsburgh's 1936 team that shared the national championship with Minnesota.

A quick search of old newspapers offer a variety of answers, dear reader.

But the consensus shows a starting unit of John Michelosen at quarterback, Marshall Goldberg and Bob Larue at halfback and Bill "Vince" Stapulis at fullback.

That quartet took the field on Jan. 1, 1937, to help the Panthers nip the University of Washington, 13-12, in the Rose Bowl.

Stapulis, a 1934 graduate of California High School who is one of only four players ever to be named to the Mon Valley Conference team three times, got the starting nod at fullback for the Rose Bowl game during practice at Perris Field in San Bernardino.

Pitt coach Jock Sutherland told the media that Stapulis, a 185-pounder, was replacing Arnold Greene in an attempt to speed up the team's offense.

Greene, who weighed 215 pounds, was a seasoned line plunger but lacked the open field running ability of Stapulis.

Goldberg, an All-American in 1937 and 1938, joined forces with John Chickerneo, Curly Stebbins and Dick Cassiano at Pitt's "Dream Backfield" in 1938.

That group is still considered one of the best backfield quartets in college football history.

Stapulis, who won Mon Valley Conference scoring championships in 1931 and 1933, had company as a Mon Valley representative on the 1936 Pitt team.

Henry "Heinie" Adams, also his teammate at California High School, was the Panthers' starting center.

We'll fast forward 48 years in response to another reader's request.

This inquiry focuses on October 1985 and includes a reminder that Kinder & Mollenauer Inc., a pioneer auto parts distributor in Charleroi, opened a new machine shop at its McKean Ave. location.

As reported by Fred Hevia in *The Valley Independent*, the owners, R.C. Mollenauer and his son, Rich, made a sizeable investment in what they called "the most modern machine tools and equipment to be found anywhere."

Shop layout and selection and installation of the equipment were under the direction of Rich Mollenauer, while shop operations were the responsibility of Lee Walmsley. Bob Berthine was assistant general manager at the facility.

Also in October 1985, Bentworth High's golfers won their second straight WPIAL Section 15 championship with a sudden-death win over Belle Vernon Area. Doug Dziak beat Bryan Little, 4-6, on the first playoff hole to clinch the title for the Bearcats, who finished the season at 9-1.

Also playing for Bentworth were Chris Cool, Brad Miler, Greg Stazetski and Scott McIlvaine. BVA's lineup included Mike Stawovy, Steve Gillen, Brian Polander and Mark Steffy.

In another Section 15 affair at Cedarbrook, Ringgold defeated Monessen behind Jon Moebus, Craig Batten, Brian Daniele, Mark Ricci and Rob Racunas. Scott Johnson, Rob Pacak, Bill Snider, Scott Vetere and Jim Malinchak led the Greyhounds.

On the local entertainment front at that time:

- The new Brass Saddle, near Smithton, touted upcoming shows by U.S. Kids, Larry Lee Jones and disc jockey Ralph Dolfi.
- Borderline and the Country Movers were in the spotlight at Molnar's Lounge on Route 51, near Elizabeth.
- Drawing rave reviews at the Quest Lounge, near Country Ford on Route 51, were Judy Miller and Illusion.
- Popeye's Place in Perryopolis featured male dancers with no cover (charge) for female patrons as well as female exotic dancers.
- Stefan's Calabash Seafood, 1701 Grand Boulevard in "Uptown Monessen," offered an "all-you-can-eat" seafood buffet.
- The fun-filled Oktoberfest was in full swing in Charleroi with restaurants offering a variety of specials. Entertainment included the Zoise Baer Dancers, disc jockey Donn Henderson, Doc Stewart and Associates and the Pirate Parrot at Magic City Square and the Iron City Lager Hot Air Balloon at Chamber Plaza.

Good Reading

If you enjoy nostalgia and first-hand recollections of Yesteryear, don't forget to read Ralph Stone's informative column every Friday in *The Valley Independent*.

(If you have memories to share or story ideas, please contact Ron Paglia at or c/o The Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062.)

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DEATH NOTICES

BISSETT — Christopher Shawn Bissett, 22, of Perryopolis, on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Blair-Lowther Funeral Home Inc., Perryopolis.*

BLACK — Charles E. Black, 80, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), on Tuesday, Jan. 22. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

JOHNSON — Elsie M. Johnson, 85, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., formerly of Belle Vernon, on Sunday, Jan. 20. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

KELLY — Roy Kelly, of Dunmore, formerly of Scranton, on Wednesday, Jan. 23.*

KOVACIK — Charles G. Kovacik, 84, of Donora, on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Anthony L. Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

KUBIC — Mary J. Kubic, 89, of Monessen, on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Robert A. Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

LEVINO — Reno P. Levino, 92, of Newark, Ohio, on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Vensil-Orr & Chute Funeral Home, Newark, Ohio.*

McVICKER — Bruce H. McVicker, 53, of Donora, formerly of Monongahela, on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

SCAGLIONE — Rose A. Scaglione, 96, of Monongahela, on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

SEALY — Barbara A. Sealy, 83, of West Brownsville, on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Skirpan Funeral Home, Brownsville.*

SHEPERD — Stella Sheperd, 81, of Monongahela (Victory Hill), on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

SNYDER — Jean G. Snyder, 91, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Bentleyville, on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Greenlee Funeral Home, Bentleyville.*

STERNER — Deborah L. Sterner, 56, of Woodstock, Va., on Tuesday, Jan. 22. J. William McCauley Jr. Funeral Home Inc., West Newton.*

WEIBL – A. Hazel Weibl, of Monessen, on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
DiFLORIO, Audrey A.*
HOLLOWAY, Brenda E.*
KEEFER, Heidi M.*
PURKS, Ferne E.*
WALENTA, Wanda*
*** See death notice**

Christopher Shawn Bissett
Perryopolis

Christopher Shawn Bissett, 22, of Perryopolis, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born Sept. 5, 1985, in Monongahela, the son of Robert and A. Kimberly Miller Bissett, who survive and reside in Perryopolis. Chris graduated from Frazier High School in 2003 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August 2003. He was stationed out of Norfolk, Va., and serving as a small arms instructor aboard the USS Harry S. Truman, an aircraft carrier. Chris received the Top Gun Award for Excellent Marksmanship. During his four years in the Navy, he served in the Persian Gulf during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Jamie Bissett, at home; his maternal grandmother, Evelyn Miller, of Beallsville; his paternal grandparents, Hubert and Mary Louise Bissett, of Waynesburg; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, William Miller. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends. Visitation will be held in the BLAIR-LOWTHER FUNERAL HOME INC., 106 East Independence St., Perryopolis (724-736-4424), on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m., Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday until 11 a.m., the hour of service with the Rev. Mike Malone officiating. Interment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: First Christian Church, Perryopolis, Pa. 15473.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Charles E. Black
Rostraver Township

Charles Elmer Black, 80, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at his home. Born in Wickhaven, Fayette County, on Sept. 7, 1927, he was the son of the late Charles and Helen Lynn Black. He was a retired maintenance foreman for Dravo Corporation. Mr. Black served in the U.S. Army and Merchant Marines during the Korean Conflict. He is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Gary Clinton, of Belle Vernon, Donna and Randy Hopkins, of Scenery Hill, and Roxanne and Lonnie Houseman, of Rostraver Township; seven grandchildren, Joshua and Adam Clinton, Brandy and Haley Hopkins, Colton Dalton and Hannah Houseman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Haynes Black; and one sister, Sara Horn. Friends will be received Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934); www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where a funeral service will be held Friday, Jan. 25, at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Carroll Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Audrey A. DiFlorio
Boynton Beach, Fla.
Formerly of Monessen

Audrey Ann DiFlorio, 69, of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Monessen, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, in Delray Medical Center, Delray Beach, Fla. She was born in Monessen on June 8, 1938, the daughter of the late William and Olga Spadolini DiFlorio. Audrey was a graduate of Monessen High School Class of 1956 and a graduate of Michigan State University. While living in Monessen, she was a member of the former St. Cajetan Roman Catholic Church. Audrey retired from FedEx with 20 years of service, having worked as a senior personnel representative in the Human Resources Department. Audrey loved gardening and the outdoors. She achieved two "holes in one" as a golfer having played the game all over the world, and she was a member of the Latrobe Country Club. Over the past 11 years, she lived in Boynton Beach, Fla., where she enjoyed entertaining and taking care of her beautifully decorated home. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Dolores and Dominick Vesio, of The Villages, in Florida; her dear friends, Angela and Mary Nestos, of Pittsburgh; nieces and nephews, Rosann Vesio, of Belle Vernon, Dr. Kenneth D. Vesio and wife, Lenora, of Pittsburgh; Loris Lynn Connolly and husband, Dr. James Connolly, of Rostraver Township, and William A. Vesio, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two aunts, Gilda Sparano, of New Rochelle, N.Y, and Florence Russo of The Villages, Fla.; and great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, William DiFlorio Jr. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750). Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. Blessing in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Entombment will follow in the Grandview Cemetery Mausoleum, Monessen. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to: Conventual Franciscan Friars, 103 St. Francis Blvd., Mount St. Francis, Ind. 47146-9000. Condolences accepted at www.dalfonso-billick.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Elsie M. Johnson
Port St. Lucie, Fla.
Formerly of Belle Vernon

Elsie Marie Johnson, 85, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., formerly of Belle Vernon, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, in St. Lucie Medical Center, Port St. Lucie. Born in Belle Vernon on March 2, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Jesse and Myra Baker Rosborough. A homemaker, Mrs. Johnson was a member of Mentor Road Bible Church in Elizabeth. She is survived by her son, Roy D. Johnson and wife, Judy, of Belle Vernon; two daughters, Alta Bobin, of Webster (Rostraver Township), and Myra Pascarella and husband, John, of Port St. Lucie, with whom she made her home; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Clifford Rosborough; and one sister, Betty Williams. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roy P. "Pang" Johnson; a daughter, Leona Roberts; a grandson, Lee Roberts; three brothers, Harry, Warren and Allen; and two sisters, Nellie and Irene. Friends will be received Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934); www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where a Funeral Service will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Alan Hayden officiating. Interment will follow in Salem Cemetery, Rostraver Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

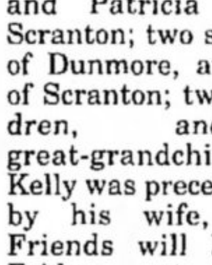
Roy Kelly
Dunmore
Formerly of Scranton

Roy Kelly, 88, of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton, following a brief illness. A Scranton native and U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Kelly was employed by The Scranton Times until his retirement several years ago. He was a former basketball coach at St. Mary High School in Scranton and active in the Green Ridge Lions Club. Mr. Kelly is survived by two daughters, Lani Burke, of Monessen, wife of Bob Burke, managing editor of *The Valley Independent*, and Patricia Buntz, of Scranton; two sons, Robert, of Dunmore, and Timothy, of Scranton; two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Mr. Kelly was preceded in death by his wife, Christine. Friends will be received Friday at McGOFF-HUGHES FUNERAL HOME, 1401 Capouse Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18509; (telephone, 570-343-3660). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, Jan. 25, in St. Paul's Church, Scranton.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Charles G. Kovacik
Donora

Charles G. "Montana" Kovacik, 84, of Donora, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, in Forbes Regional Hospital, Monroeville.



He was born in Donora on April 25, 1923, a son of the late Andrew and Pauline Sitarcik Kovacik. Most of his childhood was spent growing up on the farm his parents owned and operated in Berlin. Montana, as most of his friends called him, received his nickname when he was sent to a CC Camp in Billings, Mont. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved to travel. Montana also had a passion for drawing and did charcoal sketches of many of his friends and family. He served as a Pvt. 1/C in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. After his tour of duty, he worked for the Army Air Force in a civilian capacity at their Iceland Base before coming home and gaining employment with U.S. Steel, first with the Donora Works and later with the Irvin Works, from where he retired. Montana was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora and the Donora American Legion. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Dugan and Antoinette Kovacik; and four brothers, Joseph, John, Albert and Andrew Kovacik. Survivors include his sister, Julie Kovacik, of Donora; and many nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where prayers will be recited on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Dominic Church, Donora, at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Dominic Cemetery, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary J. Kubic
Monessen

Mary J. Kubic, 89, of Monessen, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in Jefferson Hills Nursing Center. Born in Monessen on Sept. 8, 1918, she was a daughter of the late John and Mary Kovatich. She retired from Union Cleaners of Monessen and also worked at the Jenny Shoppe. Mrs. Kubic was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church, the Polish Woman's Alliance, and the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge No. 194. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John F. Kubic; and three sisters, Catherine Muzar, Ann Cornack and Frances Plavetich. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Kenneth McGee, of Monessen; two grandsons, John Kenneth and Joseph Richard McGee, of Monessen; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Albert and Dorothy Kovatich, of Monessen, and Peter Kovacic, of Bentleyville; a dear friend, Elsie Horan, of Belle Vernon; and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700). A blessing service will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at noon in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Interment will be in St. Hyacinth Cemetery, Monessen. The Catholic Business and Professional Women will conduct services Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Heidi M. Keefer
Hiller

Heidi Marie Keefer, 26, of Hiller, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at home. She was born Jan. 19, 1982, in Pittsburgh, the daughter of Cheryl and Robert Keefer. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Harold and Evelyn Keefer. Heidi was a 2000 graduate of California Area High School. She was a very talented artist. After she graduated she attended Douglas Education Center, pursuing a degree in art. She will be sadly missed by her parents, her sister, Melissa Brazzon and husband, Jason, of North Charleroi; two brothers, Travis and Dakota Keefer, of Hiller; nephew, Logan Brazzon; her dog, Kirbee; five uncles and aunts, George Keefer and wife, Ann, and James Keefer and wife, Cyndee, all of Brownsville, John Wadsworth and wife, Dorrie, of California, Pa., Dave Wadsworth and wife, Chris, of Daisytown, and Randy Wadsworth and wife, Dawn, of Orefield; her maternal grandparents, John and Gloria Wadsworth Sr.; numerous cousins; and several great-aunt and uncles. Friends will be received in the NOVAK FUNERAL HOME, 515 Front St., Brownsville, on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 25, until 11 a.m., the hour of service with the Rev. Barry Stewart and the Rev. Roger Diehl officiating. Interment will follow in Lafayette Memorial Park, Brier Hill. Memorial donations may be made in Heidi's name to the charity of one's choice. To sign the on-line guest book or to record a personal condolence, please log on to www.novakfuneralhome.net

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Brenda E. Holloway
San Diego, Calif.
Formerly of Donora

Brenda E. Holloway, 52, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of Donora, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008. A complete obituary and funeral service information will be announced in Friday's edition. Arrangements have been entrusted to the HOUSE OF JACKSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, Donora (724-379-5420).

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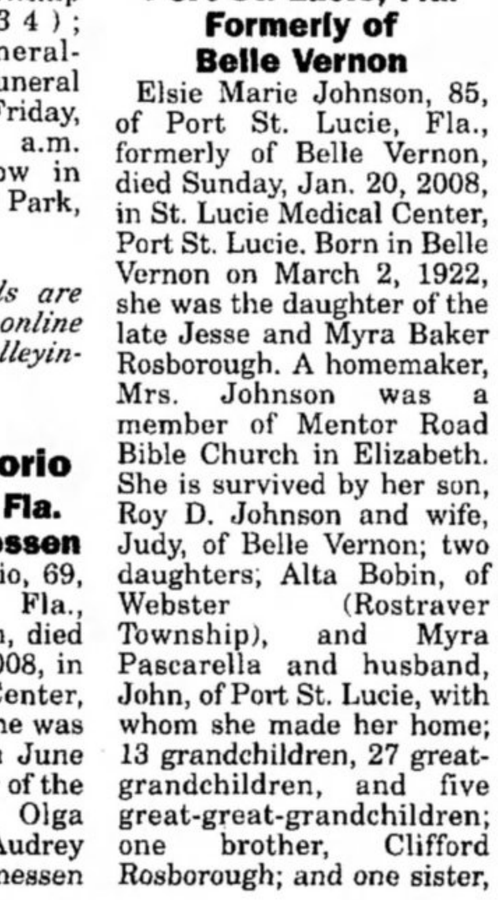

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Reno P. Levino
Newark, Ohio

Reno P. Levino, 92, of Newark, Ohio, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, in the Newark Health Care Centre. He was born Oct. 6, 1915, in Jeannette, a son of the late Domenic and Maria Pignocco Levino. A thoughtful and giving person, Mr. Levino was a friend to everyone he met. He contributed to many worthwhile causes, liked many sports and enjoyed playing golf. Mr. Levino loved music and was a violinist for the West Virginia Symphony. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Frances C. Bitonti Levino, whom he married Oct. 1, 1953; daughter, Rena (Richard) Egan, of Frederick, Md.; son, Rene (Evelyn) Levino, of Newark; grandchildren, Nicholas Zollars, of Greensburg, Ryan Zollars, of Frederick, Robert (Mary) Levino, of Pataskala, Ohio, Lindsey Levino and Jesse Levino, both of Newark; step-grandsons, Robbie Egan and James Egan, both of Connellsville; great-granddaughter, Cecelia Levino; and several cousins. No services will be held. The family requests prayers and contributions to your favorite charity as a remembrance. The Newark Chapel of VENSIL-ORR & CHUTE FUNERAL HOME, 1850 West Main Street, has been entrusted with arrangements. Additional information and guest book are available at www.vocfh.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Bruce H. McVicker
Donora

Bruce Hamilton McVicker, 53, of Donora, formerly of Monongahela, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2008, in his home. He was born Nov. 7, 1954, in Monongahela, a son of the late Frank Robert Sr. and Dora Frances Toretti McVicker. Bruce was a 1972 graduate of Ringgold High School and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Monongahela. He was formerly employed by U.S. Steel, Irwin Works and as a computer analyst for E.F. Hutton in San Diego, Calif. Bruce also was an over-the-road truck driver on an independent basis. He is survived by two brothers, John A. McVicker and wife, Jolie Roy, of Chicago, Ill., and Frank Robert McVicker Jr. and wife, Debbie, of Buffalo, N.Y.; one sister, Mary Gail Ervay and husband, Hank, of Painted Post, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews. Friends and family will gather at the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136), on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10:30 a.m. for a time to socialize, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Mark Woomer officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to: American Liver Foundation, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, N.Y. 10038-4810.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Ferne E. Purks
Monessen

Ferne Evelyn Braddock Purks, 89, of Monessen, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, in Mt. St. Macrina Manor, Uniontown. Born June 18, 1918, she was the daughter of the late Guy John and Clemmie Stevenson Braddock. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Monessen. Mrs. Purks was employed by the following businesses: G.C. Murphy, Holiday Restaurant, Somerset Daily American Newspaper and the Monessen School District as a teacher's aide. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Edison Purks; and one sister, Gene Audrey Crise. She is survived by one son, Guy Purks, of Oakland, Calif.; one daughter and son-in-law, Ferne and John Markatan, of Brownsville; two grandsons, Mark (Emily) Gush and Shane (Stephanie) Gush, and one granddaughter, Ferne (John) Panepinto, all of California, Pa.; 10 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ruth Richwine, of Monessen. Family and friends are invited to attend services on Friday, Jan. 25, at 11 a.m. in First Christian Church, Sixth Street, Monessen. Memorial contributions can be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 1011 Old Salem Rd., Greensburg, Pa. 15601. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Mt. St. Macrina Manor and Hearth 1 unit. The ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Rose A. Scaglione
Monongahela

Rose A. Scaglione, 96, of Monongahela, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in Hallsworth House III, Monessen. She was born Sept. 21, 1911, in Reggio Calabria, Italy, a daughter of the late Angelo and Filamina DeMasso Rullo. Mrs. Scaglione was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ in Monongahela, where she was a deaconess and belonged to the Ladies Uplift Circle. She was very active at the Monongahela Senior Center, where she taught sewing, crafts and was involved in their Showboat Variety Show. Mrs. Scaglione enjoyed flowers, gardening and plastic canvas needlepoint. She is survived by two sons, Richard L. Scaglione Sr. and wife, Lucetta, of Monongahela, and David Scaglione and wife, Bonnie, of New Eagle; seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Scaglione; a son, John Scaglione; and three brothers, James, Joseph and Antonio Rullo. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136). Those attending the funeral service are asked to go directly to The Church of Jesus Christ, Sixth and Lincoln streets, Monongahela, on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 11 a.m., where Elder Richard L. Scaglione Jr., Mrs. Scaglione's grandson, will officiate. Committal services and interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: Ladies Uplift Circle Mission Fund, 525 Sixth St., Monongahela, Pa. 15063.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Barbara A. Sealy
West Brownsville

Barbara A. Sealy, 83, of West Brownsville, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in Adam's Personal Care Home. She was born Jan. 10, 1925, in West Brownsville, the daughter of the late John and Barbara Slachta Buletza. Mrs. Sealy was a retired registered nurse with Brownsville General Hospital with 37 years of service. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, James B. Sealy; daughter, Cerenna Mace, and granddaughter, Meghan Mace, both of Fairchance; two grandsons, Brian Mace and wife, Lori, of Chambersburg, and Wesley Mace and wife, Jenna, of Baltimore, Md.; five great-grandchildren; one nephew, David Buletza and wife, Judy; and four nieces, Joan Leiner and husband, William, Barbara Matola, Carolyn and Sharon Buletza, and Debbie Kennedy Neil and husband, Kent. She was predeceased by four brothers, George, Michael, William and John Buletza. Friends will be received in the SKIRPAN FUNERAL HOME, 135 Park St., Brownsville (724-785-6488), on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m., where a Panachida Service will be held Monday, Jan. 28, at 9:30 a.m., followed by Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. in St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Brownsville, with the Rev. Jerome Botsko as celebrant. A Parastas Service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Center in the Woods, California.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Stella Sheperd
Monongahela

Stella Ryan Sheperd, 81, of Monongahela (Victory Hill), died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, in West Malden Manor, Charleroi. She was born Oct. 26, 1926, in Monongahela, a daughter of the late William and Daisy Bell Ryan. Mrs. Sheperd attended the Full Gospel Assembly Church in Black Diamond. She had previously been employed at the former Peter's Restaurant on Second Street and Isaly's, both in Monongahela. Mrs. Sheperd enjoyed bowling in several leagues in Monongahela. She is survived by her husband, Robert Sheperd, with whom she celebrated 49 years of marriage on June 30, 2007; one brother, William Ryan, of Monongahela; six nephews and nieces, William James Ryan and Tawny Ryan Hyslop, both of Monongahela, Charles Ryan, of Elizabeth, Kathryn Young, of Texas, Gail Young, of Washington, and Gay Young Rosborough, of Waynesburg; numerous great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Helen Young; and a nephew, George Young. Friends will be received Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela. At the request of the family, the funeral service and interment will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to: Full Gospel Assembly Church, 580 East Main St., Monongahela, Pa. 15063.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Jean G. Snyder
Pittsburgh
Formerly of Bentleyville

Jean G. Snyder, 91 of Pittsburgh, formerly of Bentleyville, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at 5:20 a.m. in her home after a short illness. She was born Oct. 14, 1916, in Bentleyville, a daughter of the late Emory C. and Jewel McCormick Snyder. She lived her entire life in Bentleyville until she moved to Asbury Heights on Nov. 21, 2002. Miss Snyder was a 1933 graduate of Bentleyville High School, a graduate of California State Teachers College, and she received her master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She taught for 44 years; four years in Richeyville and 40 years in Fallowfield Township and Charleroi Area schools. She taught civics, was a guidance counselor and was a junior high school principal. Jean was a member of the Bentleyville United Methodist Church for 79 years, a past president of the United Methodist Women and the Elizabeth Class. She also was the intermediate Sunday school superintendent. She also served on many other church committees. Surviving are three cousins, Dick Richardson, of Florida, Jerry Tracy, of the state of California, and Dick Tracy, of Georgia. Friends will be received Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 in the GREENLEE FUNERAL HOME, 619 Main St., Bentleyville. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, in the Bentleyville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sang Kong Choi officiating. Interment will be in Beallsville Cemetery. Online guest book and personal condolences may be accessed at www.GreenleeFuneralHome.com

Deborah L. Sterner
Woodstock, Va.

Deborah Lee Sterner, 56, of Woodstock, Va., died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Va., after a 14-year struggle with cancer. Mrs. Sterner was born Jan. 19, 1952, in Charleroi, the daughter of the late George and Martha (Guzick) Balko, of West Newton. She was a mathematics teacher for three decades and a member of the West Newton Ecclessia Bible Students. Debbie enjoyed puzzles and statistics, playing the piano, traveling with family and friends and spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Lee D. Sterner; two daughters, Lisa Sterner, of Christiansburg, Va., and Marcy Gineris and her husband, Jeff, of Woodstock; two grandchildren, Kathrine and Connor Lee Gineris; a brother, George Balko, of West Newton; a sister, Rebecca Berda, of Etters; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the J. WILLIAM MCCAULEY JR. FUNERAL HOME INC., 901 Vine St., West Newton, where a service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday with Randy Shahan officiating. Interment will follow in West Newton Cemetery. www.mccauleyfuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Wanda Walenta
Charleroi

Wanda Walenta, 90, of Charleroi, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, in the Oakhill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Greensburg. She was born Nov. 8, 1917, in Charleroi, a daughter of the late Walter and Barbara Ciszewski Philipkosky. Mrs. Walenta was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi, the New Smyrna Beach AARP and a charter member of the Pennsylvania Club of Daytona. She is survived by two sisters, Stella Bandini and Helen Regula, both of Charleroi; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Walenta was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Walenta, on May 24, 1994; two sisters, Eleanor Buraczewski and Sabina Nemcheck; and three brothers, John, Edward and Walter Philipkosky. Friends will be received Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock.hogan.com), 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Jan. 25, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

A. Hazel Weibl
Monessen

A. Hazel Weibl, of Monessen, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in Southwestern Nursing Center, Jefferson. Friends will be received Sunday from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., a Golden Rule Funeral Home, 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen. A complete obituary and funeral arrangements will be announced in tomorrow's edition.

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CASH 5:	12-14-16-32-38
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NIGHT PICK 3:	5-4-3
DAY PICK 4:	7-9-3-7
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OUR OPINION

Another huge taxpayer expense

UPSET ABOUT THE WAY your tax dollars were wasted in the "Bonus-gate" scandal? Wait until you get the legal bill.

Law firms are getting rich off Pennsylvania politicians as they try to protect themselves from a scandal involving huge bonuses paid to legislative staffers. A grand jury is investigating whether the bonuses were illegal compensation for campaign work.

Both sides of the aisle are arming themselves with attorneys, but so far the biggest spenders are House Democrats, who have run up nearly half a million dollars in legal and consulting costs. More than half that total — $280,000 — has gone to Chadwick Associates, a risk management firm in Washington, D.C.

House Democrats also comprised the lion's share of the suspicious bonuses, racking up two-thirds of the $3.6 million in bonus money that was handed out to staffers in 2005 and 2006.

House Republicans paid $18,400 to Pittsburgh law firm Kirkpatrick and Lockhart to review a subpoena for records and prepare documents for the attorney general. Senate Democrats have spent "a few thousand" on legal fees, while no subpoenas have been served on the Senate GOP and no legal costs have been reported.

As legal fees rise, the biggest losers in this scandal continue to be the taxpayers. First, obscene amounts of our money was doled out to staffers, which should cause a public outcry even if it is not found to be illegal. Now we have to pay for those at fault to hire lawyers, who aren't known for working cheap.

We think elected officials would be much more careful about their behavior if they had to pay legal expenses with their own money, not ours.

How to reach us

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No accident

Kathryn **LOPEZ**

Seventeen magazine is a great gift to the youth of our nation. Before the magazine's February issue, our nation's adolescent girls were in danger of "accidentally" falling into pregnancy, or so their cover implies: "Shocking Ways You Could Get PREGNANT By Accident."

Last time I checked, pregnancy results from an activity that requires some effort, some decision-making. Seventeen's editors don't seem to live in my reality. Instead, It buys into the same dangerous and conventional wisdom that kids will have sex — end of conversation. So all adults can do is help them prevent disease and pregnancy.

A cover piece relates to the magazine's young, impressionable readers: "Sex is so confusing. On the one hand, you're being told not to do it (by parents and teachers) — that it's "wrong," that there's no way you're ready, or that it could lead to diseases. On the other hand, you see (in real life, in movies, and on TV) that sex is a natural, healthy and fun part of loving relationships. You also have information about birth control coming at you from every direction: friends, TV commercials, maybe sex-ed class. You think you know how to protect yourself, but it seems like such a hassle when all you want to do is focus on those totally romantic, wonderfully tingly feelings you have about your guy!"

While the article does mention the option of not having sex, the emphasis throughout is on the safe options, conventionally speaking: Get your guy to use a condom. Know how to take your pills. "It just happened," one girl declares about accidentally getting pregnant. And, the Seventeen message to teens is: It's not that unusual. "48 percent of teen girls think it might be possible they'll become pregnant in the next five years." A young girl who couldn't "accidentally" get pregnant — because she's choosing to spend her young days doing more innocent things — might feel a bit left out.

Seventeen also tells their readers that "studies show that girls who have a big plan for their future are significantly less likely to get pregnant." Now that's more like it. But it's not enough.

Alarmingly, a 2004 study found that teen girls look to these magazines "as a valued source of advice about their personal lives." The Kaiser Family Foundation reported: "According to a focus group of seventh through 11th-grade girls, conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited for YM, teen readers want the content in their magazines to reflect their lives, and they rely on magazines as a sounding board, fashion and beauty consultant and close confidant. Another survey conducted by Taylor Research & Consulting Group indicated that 12- to 15-year-old girls look to magazines (42 percent) almost as much as their friends (45 percent) for the coolest trends."

Kaiser relayed: "In-depth interviews with girls ages 12 and 13 who were regular readers of teen magazines found that girls used the magazines to formulate their concepts of femininity and relied heavily on articles that featured boys, opinions about how to gain male approval and act in relationships with males."

With big audiences comes big responsibility, but these magazines detrimentally add to a cultural, sexual pile-on. Girls are bombarded with sex. Check out the local newsstands and you'll see that teen magazines are every father's nightmare. They want to make sure your daughter has sexy shoes, that her prom dress be "crazy, sexy, cool." The movies, TV and even teen fiction are not better. "All in all, girls are being exposed to a fairly one-sided image of female sexuality on television. Allusions to sexual patience (waiting to have sex) are rare. Indeed, although virgins occasionally show up on popular teen shows, for the most part their abstinence is treated as the characters' defining trait, which suggests to teens that sexual restraint is both noteworthy and unusual," Carol Platt Liebau writes in her book, "Prude: How the Sex-Obsessed Culture Damages Girls (and America, Too!)," She concludes, "Sex is everywhere. Everyone's doing it, and that's just the way it is."

But that's not the way it has to be. At a recent Claremont Institute event on "Marriage, Modesty & Modernity," Pauline Hamlette, a former Washington, D.C., elementary school principal and national program director for the Best Friends Foundation, told those gathered, "I've never met a student not willing to say 'no.'" Best Friends, developed by Elayne Bennett, seeks to create an environment where girls are inundated with healthy choices, and have adults in their lives who care enough to help them with those decisions. As Bennett has put it, "If you just want to make sure that kids don't get pregnant and protect themselves, you're going to have a whole lot more sexual activity. Adolescents need guidelines and standards of behavior. They want them; they give them a sense of security, and ... well-being." With curriculum and dedication, Best Friends shows results.

Culture magazines, TV, movies — already best friends forever with teen girls — could afford to offer the best and not settle for pretending we can't do more for America's young people than help them prevent "accidents."

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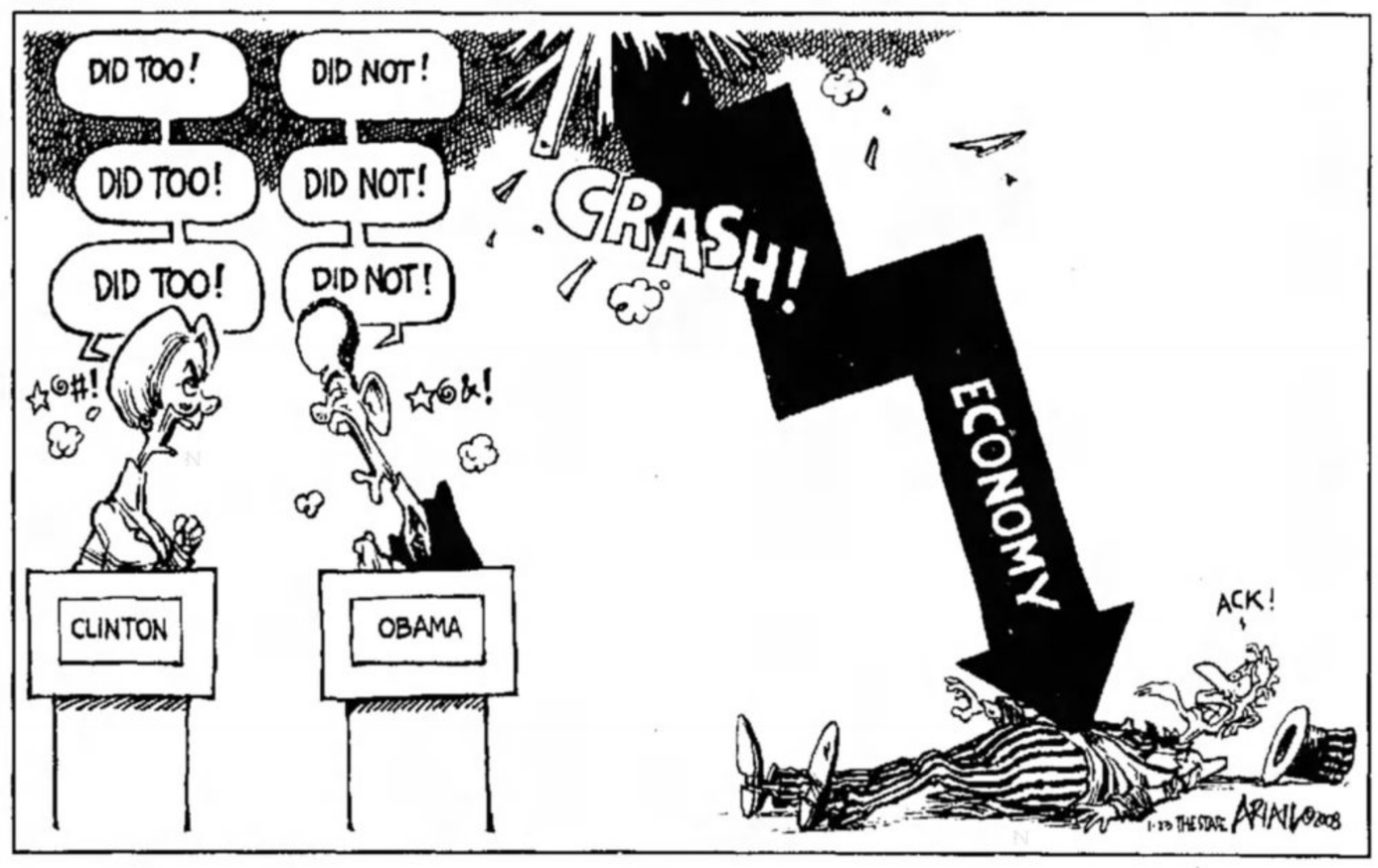

Use gambling profits for scholarships

GUEST EDITORIAL

The cost of higher education is an important national issue that resonates with many Pennsylvanians. From parents who are trying to pay to send their children to college to students who spend years after they graduate paying off student loan debts, higher education costs pose a substantial challenge.

As the father of a college student and as the state's independent fiscal watchdog, I view this challenge on a personal and professional level.

Most people agree college education is a necessary investment, and in many instances a great investment. However, middle- and low-income families are finding the cost obstacle increasingly difficult to overcome if they want to send their children to college. We owe it to our children and their parents to find solutions to make college more affordable, thus increasing accessibility.

State government should help hard-working Pennsylvania families by giving them some hope, or, more precisely, a HOPE Scholarship program. This program would relieve some of the burden of higher education costs by offering considerable scholarship aid to academically successful high school students.

First, let's consider the facts that lead me to believe there is a need for a HOPE Scholarship program.

In Pennsylvania, based on tuition and fees, our institutions of higher education are the third-most expensive in the nation for public two-year schools ($5,359 per year), fourth-most expensive for public four-year schools ($9,672 per year), and 11th-most expensive for private four-year schools ($27,272 per year).

Since 1999, tuition and fees for Pennsylvania residents attending public and private institutions in the state increased by 51 percent. From 1999 to 2006, tuition and fees increased by 67 percent at the four state-related universities (Lincoln, Penn State, Pittsburgh and Temple) and 44 percent at the 14 State System of Higher Education schools. These figures do not include the recent in-state increases of 5.5 percent at Penn State, 6.5 percent at Pittsburgh, and 2.75 percent at the state schools.

Over the same period, the Consumer Price Index, or inflation rate, has risen by 27 percent. The cost of higher education has increased by a higher percentage than the inflation rate every single year over the last 11 years. In many years, the increase has been double the inflation rate.

Clearly, higher education institutions must do a better job keeping future increases equal to or less than the rate of inflation.

Higher education costs also have exceeded increases in annual median income. From 1999 to 2005, the annual median income in Pennsylvania increased only 19 percent from $38,918 to $46,300.

This data provides substantial evidence to support development of new, innovative programs that would benefit Pennsylvania students and their families.

In four consecutive sessions during my tenure as a state senator, I introduced a bill to establish a HOPE Scholarship program in Pennsylvania. This program would have paid higher education costs for Pennsylvania students who chose to attend a Pennsylvania school, provided they met eligibility requirements such as earning and maintaining a 3.0 grade-point average. If the student chose to attend a state-owned university, the program would pay his or her entire tuition. If the student chose to attend a state-related or private institution, the program would pay a portion of his or her tuition based on the average cost at the state-owned universities.

I modeled the legislation after Georgia's HOPE Scholarship program, which began in 1993. Georgia uses proceeds from its state lottery to fund its HOPE Scholarship program. Since inception, the state of Georgia has provided more than $3.8 billion in HOPE scholarships to more than 1,060,000 students. Imagine how many Pennsylvania students we could help by establishing this type of program in the commonwealth!

I strongly encourage the Pennsylvania General Assembly to revisit legislation to create a HOPE Scholarship program. The biggest obstacle, of course, is funding. It will be difficult for legislators to find a way to pay for a HOPE Scholarship program without either raising taxes or taking revenue from something else.

So let me make a suggestion: Let's pay for HOPE scholarships with excess slots casino revenue and any future expansion of gaming in Pennsylvania. Critics scoffed at Gov. Rendell's estimates that Pennsylvania's slots casinos would generate enough profits to fund $1 billion a year for property tax relief. Yet early returns suggest that Gov. Rendell's estimate was on the low side, and that slots casinos may actually generate several hundred million dollars more than the governor's original prediction.

Let's put that money to good use and invest in our children. Young people under 18 years old are 23 percent of our population; however, they are 100 percent of our future. Their future and Pennsylvania's future depends on our action to mitigate rising higher education costs and make it more affordable and accessible to all Pennsylvanians.

— Jack Wagner, Pennsylvania's auditor general

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SCIENTIFIC FORMULATION GIVES GENERAL PUBLIC ADVANCED SOLUTION TO FREE BODY OF ACCUMULATED TOXINS, PARASITES AND OTHER WASTE MATERIAL

By: S. Hufford, Media Services

The excellent new product known as CHC - Colon Health Complete has just been authorized for release to the general public.

CHC helps you to safely rid your body of accumulated toxins, parasites and all other waste materials that have been building up in your body for years.

CHC allows you to do this naturally and safely. And, you are not required to stay home, fast, follow a special diet, administer enemas, go for colon irrigations or, most of all... risk wasting money on a product that doesn't work.

It has been proven that each ingredient in CHC really works. In fact, CHC can help you to feel better, help to rid you of headaches, help you with weight loss and get a flatter stomach and feel much healthier.

CHC can also help your body reduce gas and bloating, stomach pain, diarrhea and digestive problems. Plus you will have more energy.

It's true that constipation, parasites, gas, bloating, stomach pain, chronic fatigue and digestive problems can all be the signs of a toxic colon.

Don't be a victim anymore, suffering in silence from these painful and often embarrassing health conditions. Get CHC. It can absolutely help you.

It's amazing that the colon can cause so many different problems, but as the old saying goes... Death begins in the Colon.

Our insides require regular cleaning, especially the colon, because it functions as the body's sewer system.

We take care of our outer appearance everyday by showering, brushing our teeth and washing our hair, but so many ignore the cleansing of their insides until some form of disease is detected and sends a wake-up call.

Don't wait for the wake-up call when it may be too late. Get CHC and see the amazing, revitalizing benefits you will get with just one bottle.

Colon cleansing is so important. We all are exposed to thousands of toxins and chemicals on a daily basis.

We are eating more processed foods than ever and are regularly abusing our bodies with various stimulants, sedatives, alcohol, caffeine and nicotine.

These toxins and bad foods can lead to poor digestion, constipation, toxic colon build-up, weight gain and low energy which can lead to long-term health problems and serious disease.

Autopsies often reveal colons are plugged up to 80 percent with waste material.

The combination of environmental toxins and an unhealthy diet pose a grave danger to us.

So make sure you cleanse your colon. It is so important. And with the marvelous creation of CHC, you can do it quickly and all-naturally with no dangerous drugs, no surgery and no expensive prescriptions.

Of all the polite topics of conversation in the world, one's colon and bowel movements are sure to be at the bottom of the list.

But let's face it: constipation, gas and other colon problems are affecting more than 50 million Americans every day. So don't you think it's time we did something about it?

Well BioTech Research has. And it's easy. You don't have to alter your life in any way, shape or form.

CHC is fast and effective. You don't have to carry products with you throughout the day, follow a special diet, be near a bathroom all the time or administer enemas.

It's just an easy-to-swallow tablet per day for 30 days.

That's it. It's that easy.

It really is amazing what CHC will do for you and all the benefits it brings. You will feel so much better.

I guarantee that once you try CHC you will be telling all your friends and loved ones.

This new breakthrough brings such incredible results that even normally skeptical medical professionals will marvel at how dramatically CHC can better your life.

This amazing new all-natural formula was developed by a nationally renowned, highly respected doctor with over 30 years of medical experience in the pharmaceutical and nutraceutical industry. The same doctor that successfully designed CHC after helping develop the world famous and powerful line of Centrum® and Stresstab® Vitamins.

Now he is bringing welcomed revolution to the world where so many people need it.

For even more information on this phenomenal new colon cleansing product, here is my interview with the Product Development and Specialist for BioTech Research.

Q. Is Colon Health Complete (CHC) safe?

A. Yes. CHC is composed of 100% all-natural substances that are safe.

Q. Why is Colon Cleansing so crucial?

A. We are all exposed to thousands of toxins and chemicals every day, absolutely everywhere you go.

Whether you are at home, at work or even at church, you are being exposed to thousands of toxins. You are exposed to toxins through the air you breathe, the food you eat and the water you drink... even through the use of pharmaceutical drugs.

The toxins that you are ingesting on a daily basis can lead to poor digestion, constipation, colon build-up, weight gain and low energy; all of which are not only extremely inconvenient, but can lead to long-term health problems and serious disease.

That's why CHC couldn't have been developed at a better time. Our life styles are changing and so are our bodies. So in order to cleanse your body the way it should be, you need CHC.

Q. How does CHC help with cleansing all the build-up in your body?

A. CHC cleanses the colon of accumulated build-up while helping prevent the formation of new build-up.

This keeps your digestive tract from getting clogged up with mucus, toxins and metabolic waste. Much like cholesterol build-up, toxins and metabolic waste cling to the walls of your colon.

CHC helps keep the colon clean and helps keep waste matter from clinging to the walls of your colon in order for waste matter to move more freely and efficiently.

And finally, CHC helps with regularity and detoxification to restore normal bowel function.

Q. How do you know if you need internal cleansing?

A. First, almost everyone above the age of 20 could use internal cleansing. In fact, there really isn't anyone that could not benefit from a clean colon.

Colon cleansing and detoxification can be beneficial for those with any of the following conditions:

Chronic constipation
Frequent gas and bloating
Excess weight
Frequent fatigue
Impaired digestion
Irritability
Protruding belly

So CHC is really your answer.

Q. Why is constipation so unhealthy?

A. If the problem of constipation is not addressed in time, it can slowly destroy your body.

You should be eliminating approximately the same amount that you're eating. If you aren't then the excess is probably accumulating and sticking to your colon walls. Once that happens it inhibits the proper function of your colon.

Now your colon is forced to absorb nothing but toxins and the passage way becomes much narrower.

CHC helps you with all of that so you don't have to worry about it anymore.

Because let's face it, everyone in this day and age has enough to worry about. But once they take CHC, they know they're in good hands and at least their colon is off their list of things to worry about.

Q. What are the common causes of constipation?

A. Not enough fiber or liquids, lack of exercise, medications, changes in your life or ignoring the urge to have a bowel movement.

But CHC can fix all of that. CHC is the most effective and safest natural solution ever developed for constipation.

Q. Is CHC safe to take with other medications?

A. CHC is made of all-natural ingredients. So you should have no problems with it counteracting with any other medications.

But like with anything new, you should consult your physician before taking CHC or any other vitamin or supplement.

Q. Is there really a growing problem of this in America?

A. Absolutely. More than 50 million Americans suffer with colon problems.

It is a growing and very common problem.

It can be a combination of abdominal pain and/or alternating bowel habits, bloating, cramps, abdominal distention, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and constipation. It can begin as early as the age of 20.

But with CHC you will not only see improvements, but you will get relief from abdominal discomfort, bloating and constipation. CHC is not a drug, but an easy-to-use all natural supplement.

You may also notice a much flatter stomach and midriff area once you get rid of the excess toxins inside your body.

Also, once the body is cleansed, it can assimilate nutrients much more efficiently so your cravings for sweets and fatty foods may be reduced.

Q. In laymen terms, what does CHC do?

A. CHC cleans out your colon and intestines of build-up. You will be happier, feel better and be much, much healthier.

Q. What else do you consider important that our readers should know about CHC?

A. Watch out for any type of imitation. Many other companies settle for ingredients with low levels of strength, purity and effectiveness.

CHC, however is made in a world class cGMP compliant facility. The quality system is designed to meet the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration's cGMP Regulation, 21 CFR 210 and 211 as well as the FDA's Manufacturing Inspection program.

Each raw material that goes into CHC as well as each and every finished bottle of CHC goes through testing to ensure that the customer is getting the highest possible quality product with the correct amounts of ingredients so that it is guaranteed to work.

While it costs more for us to produce CHC than competitors, our quality system, FDA requirements and extensive testing insures our customers are getting a safe and effective supplement that will work for them.

Q. How can my readers get CHC and be on their way to a healthy colon?

A. CHC will not be in stores for an extended period. In the meantime, readers can order directly from BioTech Research. For your own benefit do not accept any imitations... **End of interview.**

Read on to find out how you can get CHC for a great discount and be on your way toward a healthier, more productive life.

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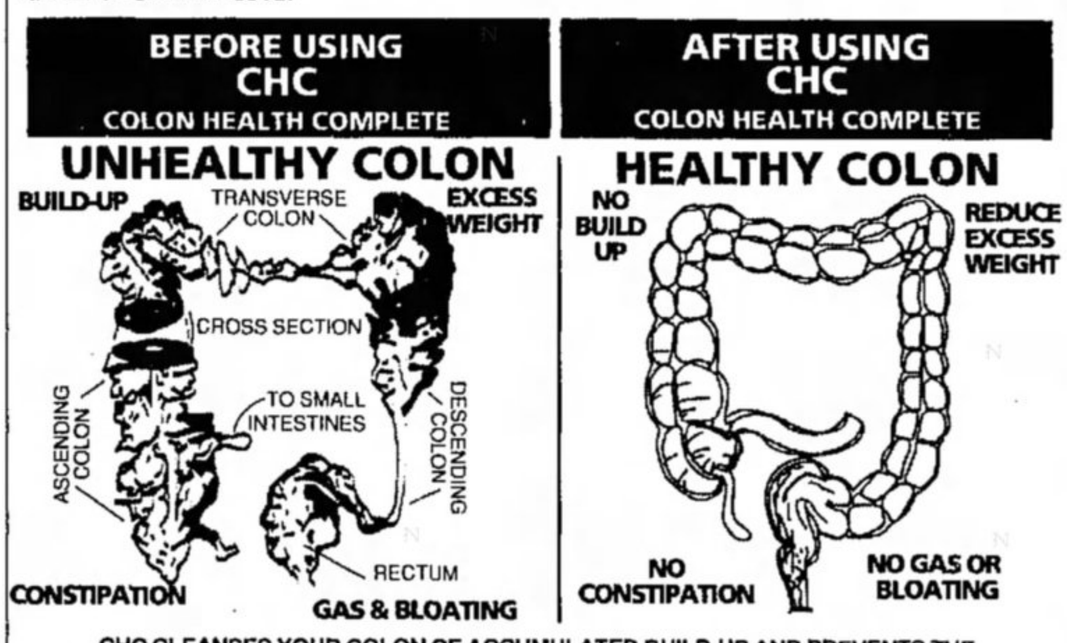

CHC CLEANSES YOUR COLON OF ACCUMULATED BUILD-UP AND PREVENTS THE FORMATION OF NEW BUILD-UP. IT HELPS TO ELIMINATE HARMFUL PARASITES AND HELPS TO RESTORE NORMAL BOWEL FUNCTION AND PROMOTES REGULARITY.

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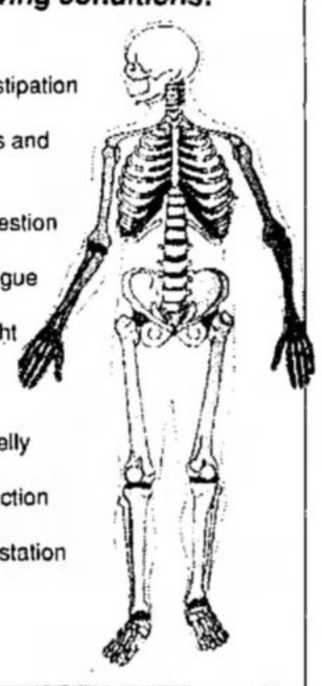

Testimonies from some CHC users...

Once I heard about CHC and all the benefits that it gave you I had to try it. I already knew that colon cleansing was very important to improve health. So I decided to start it and I have had a very good impression. I would like to repeat the 1 month treatment each year. Only 1 bottle a year that is needed is definitely worth all the health benefits you get from it.

D. Dennison

I wanted to see if my fatty stomach would become flatter, if I could lose 5-10 pounds and if my energy level would improve. Well, I'm happy to say that I am in my third week and have been extremely pleased. My stomach improvement has pleased me the most. Since I turned 50 my weight has been gained around my waist. I have never really struggled with my weight, but could never get the side rolls to go away. Well, I have lost 10 pounds and most of it has been around my waist. My stomach is flatter and my waist is slimmer. Needless to say, I am pleased. To my surprise I have also seen my energy level increase. Great product.

P. Wheatley

I must say this product is incredible. Within three days I was regular for the first time in my life. The bloating is gone, the gas is gone. I don't have any more abdominal pain and I have lost weight. Your product has changed my very existence. I haven't felt this good in years. Thank you for this wonderful product.

Sara Cline

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Ledger probe finds no illegal drugs

Deceased actor had six prescription medications in his apartment.

By TOM HAYS and KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK — Six different types of prescription drugs were found in Heath Ledger's apartment — including anti-anxiety medications and sleeping pills — though the cause of his death won't be known for several days after a preliminary autopsy Wednesday came back inconclusive, authorities said.

A rolled-up $20 bill was also found on the floor near the Australian actor's bed, but lab tests detected no traces of drug residue. Police also said no illegal drugs were found in the apartment.

Among the prescription medications found were pills to treat insomnia and anxiety, and an antihistamine, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing. Three of the drugs were prescribed in Europe, the sources said. Ledger had recently been filming in London.

The $20 bill was found on the floor near Ledger's bed, and New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said lab tests found nothing to indicate it had been used to snort drugs.

The actor was found dead Tuesday by his housekeeper and a massage therapist — lying naked and face-down on his bed, police said. The pills were found in bottles in Ledger's bedroom and bathroom, and police said the death was caused by a possible drug overdose and appeared to be accidental.

Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office, said that the autopsy on the 28-year-old actor was inconclusive and that more would be known in about 10 days, when more tests were completed.

Police said Ledger probably died Tuesday between 1 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. At 1 p.m., the housekeeper went into his bedroom to change a light bulb, saw him sleeping and heard him snoring.

At 2:45 p.m., the massage therapist showed up for Ledger's appointment, knocked on his door and got no answer. She later noticed Ledger was unconscious and called actress Mary-Kate Olsen, whose number was programmed into Ledger's cell phone, to seek advice.

Olsen said she would send over her private security. In the ensuing moments, the massage therapist realized that Ledger might be dead, called Olsen again, then called 911. Paramedics — and Olsen's security people — arrived minutes later.

News of the death stunned relatives, fans and colleagues.

"Working with Heath was one of the purest joys of my life," said Ang Lee, who directed Ledger in "Brokeback Mountain." "He brought to the role of Ennis more than any of us could have imagined — a thirst for life, for love and for truth, and a vulnerability that made everyone who knew him love him. His death is heartbreaking."

Lee Daniels, who produced the critically acclaimed "Monster's Ball," in which Ledger starred, strongly disputed any notion that Ledger had a drug problem.

"The definition of substance abuse is really up to one's perspective," Daniels said. "I didn't see him as a drug addict. I saw him as someone who enjoyed life. I know drug addicts; he was not a drug addict."

He said that he saw Ledger a couple months ago and that he was in great spirits. "He was in a good mood, he was in a great place ... he was excited about living in New York."

Before moving to Manhattan, Ledger lived in Brooklyn with then-girlfriend Michelle Williams in a four-story, sage-green brownstone with a black wrought-iron fence. Yellow tulips with red stripes were among the bouquets left by well-wishers Wednesday.

At the Brawta Caribbean Cafe two blocks from the residence, owner Jennifer Ewers said Ledger was a frequent guest who always ordered jerk chicken, rice and beans, and sorrel.

"He was a perfect gentleman. He comes in here with his hoodie on, reads a book, and gives you a peace sign," she said. "He was always with his daughter, playing hide-and-seek among the plants, or on his skateboard, peeking his head in."

Fans left flowers and candles Wednesday outside Ledger's apartment in the tony SoHo neighborhood of Manhattan on Wednesday. Khaled Ali, 41, a stage manager for a Broadway show, dropped off a candle on his way to work, saying he and fellow cast members were devastated.

"I felt a connection with him as an actor, as a fellow in the theater community," he said. "With 'Brokeback Mountain' he touched me personally in telling the story of my community. It was very touching."

Ledger was known for grueling, intense roles that became his trademark after he got his start in teen movies like "10 Things I Hate About You." Thereafter, he avoided the easy path in favor of roles that forced him to bury his Australian accent and downplay his leading-man looks: the tormented gay cowboy Ennis Del Mar in "Brokeback Mountain"; a drug addict in "Candy"; an incarnation of Bob Dylan in "I'm Not There."

Playing the Joker in the upcoming Batman movie "The Dark Knight" may be his final finished performance.

Associated Press

A makeshift memorial for the deceased actor Heath Ledger sits outside the apartment building where his body was found in the SoHo neighborhood of New York.

Lohan, Murphy dominate Razzie awards

Tongue-in-cheek nominations mark Hollywood's worst achievements.

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — Advice for actors looking to get nominated for worst performance: multiple roles help.

Lindsay Lohan and Eddie Murphy scored multiple nominations Monday for the Razzies, which sort out the worst that Hollywood dredged up the previous year.

Lohan's thriller, "I Know Who Killed Me," in which she plays two characters who may or may not be the same person, received a leading nine Razzie nominations, among them worst picture of 2007.

Murphy's "Norbit," released amid a film-honors season that earned Murphy an Academy Awards nomination for "Dreamgirls" last year, received eight Razzie nominations, five of them for Murphy alone, more than anyone has ever gotten in a single year.

Lindsay Lohan

Eddie Murphy

Besides worst picture, "Norbit" had nominations for Murphy as worst actor in the title role, supporting actress as Norbit's beefy wife, supporting actor as an Asian man and worst screen couple for Norbit opposite either of Murphy's other characters. Murphy also shared a screenplay nomination for co-writing "Norbit."

"We decided that each of his characters was so offensive that he deserved individual nominations," said Razzies founder John Wilson.

According to Wilson, Murphy's closest competition for worst screen couple is Lohan in "I Know Who Killed Me," in which she plays a small-town girl abducted by a psychopath and an alter-ego, a stripper who's missing body parts.

Lohan's movie played like a cross between the torture tale "Hostel" and "The Patty Duke Show," Wilson said.

For worst actress, Lohan polled more heavily than any actor since Sofia Coppola in "The Godfather Part III," Wilson said.

"'I Know Who Killed Me' is the most fabulously brainless movie since 'Showgirls,'" which Razzie voters picked as the worst movie of the 1990s, Wilson said. "By the end of it, you still don't know what happened. Are they twins or aren't they? Did she imagine it? Can I please have my hour and 50 minutes back?"

The other worst-picture nominees were "Bratz," a live-action take on the cartoon about four chic young girls; "Daddy Day Camp," with Cuba Gooding Jr. starring in a sequel to Murphy's "Daddy Day Care"; and "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry," Adam Sandler and Kevin James' comedy about firefighters posing as a gay couple.

Sandler and Gooding joined Murphy in the worst-actor category, along with Nicolas Cage for "Ghost Rider" and Jim Carrey for "The Number 23."

Lohan was cited twice as worst actress for "I Know Who Killed Me," while the four "Bratz" stars — Logan Browning, Janel Parrish, Nathalia Ramos and Skyler Shaye — shared a nomination. Also nominated were Jessica Alba for three films, "Awake," "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer" and "Good Luck Chuck"; Elisha Cuthbert for "Captivity"; and Diane Keaton for "Because I Said So."

Along with Murphy, supporting actor included Orlando Bloom for "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," James and Rob Schneider for "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" and Jon Voight for "Bratz," "National Treasure: Book of Secrets," "September Dawn" and "Transformers."

Besides Murphy, supporting actress nominees were Jessica Biel for "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" and "Next," Carmen Electra for "Epic Movie," Julia Ormond for "I Know Who Killed Me" and Nicollette Sheridan for "Code Name: The Cleaner."

A spoof of Hollywood awards, the Razzies made their announcement the day before the Oscar nominations come out. Razzie "winners" will be announced Feb. 23, a day before the Oscars.

No change in Spears' custody

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Britney Spears came to a courthouse Wednesday in cocktail party attire, stepped in the door and then bolted before a hearing began that could have restored her right to visit her children.

Wearing pink lipstick, sunglasses, gold platform shoes and a very short black dress, Spears was driven into an underground garage and entered the downtown civil court building. A spokesman said she got through a metal detector, announced, "I want to leave," and returned to her car.

A lawyer for Spears' ex-husband Kevin Federline said that behavior may have played a role in a Superior Court commissioner's decision that she would remain barred from seeing sons Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1.

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Washington Symphony presenting 'Seascapes'

The Washington Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert titled "Seascapes" at 8 p.m. Feb. 9 at Trinity High School.

Bill Galvin, the high school's director of bands, will serve as guest conductor.

Since 1987, Galvin has taught music at Trinity High School, and has been Director of Instrumental Studies and Chair of the Music Department.

He has received the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence award three times in his career, and the Citation of Excellence from the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association.

Galvin has written articles for Today's Music Educator, The Director, and PMEA News magazines.

His ensembles have performed at four Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State conferences, a Music Educators National Conference Eastern Division conference, and three Music for All National Percussion festivals.

Galvin is a member of the National Band Association, Music Educators National Conference, PMEA, Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, and Phi Mu Alpha Professional Fraternity.

He also serves on the Music for All Advisory Board and the Washington Symphony Orchestra board.

He is the coordinator of the Music for All Percussion Festival, President of the Washington County Music Educators Association, and the Festival Coordinator for District I of the PMEA.

A past PMEA District President and former chair of the PMEA Music Booster Affiliate, Galvin maintains an active schedule outside the classroom, as guest conductor, motivational clinician, and adjudicator.

Tickets will be available in advance at Washington Federal Savings Bank branches, Citizens Library or online at www.washsym.org, and well as at the door.

Admission is $15 for adults, $10 for children, students and seniors ages 65 and older.

For more information, call (724) 223-9796.

Murder mystery at Flatwoods

Flatwoods Productions will present "Murder in the Cards" during Valentine's Day weekend.

The shows will take place 7 p.m. Feb. 15 and 16 at the Curfew Grange, at the corner of Route 201 south and Buena Vista Road, across from the cemetery.

The story, written by Rob Ross and Ernest Watson, involves concerns a local senator and his wife attending a surprise birthday party during an election year.

The senator's wife has arranged for a fortune teller to be the main attraction.

During the festivities, a gun goes off and the senator's wife is fatally wounded.

While others attending the party try to solve the mystery, the audience is encouraged to help figure out whether the shot was intended for the senator.

The show includes dinner served between sections of the murder mystery.

Tickets are $20 for dinner and the show. Special group rates are available.

Reservations may be made by calling (724) 366-7923.

Entertainment calendar

Friday

D.J. Steve, 10 p.m. to close, Monessen Hilltop Firemen's Club. Members and their guests welcome. (724) 684-9990.

Saturday

D.J. Stan the Man, 10 p.m. to close, Monessen Hilltop Firemen's Club. Members and their guests welcome. (724) 684-9990.

PFA issued for Wilson

Steelers receiver Cedric Wilson has received a temporary protection-from-abuse court order. **3B**

Valley SPORTS

Nadal upset

Second-ranked Rafael Nadal lost to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at the Australian Open. **3B**

200 and counting

Women's basketball coach Darcie Vincent picked up her 200th win at Cal U Wednesday night. **3B**

Sports Trivia

Who is the only player to be on five winning Super Bowl teams? **3B**

Last night's scores

Toronto 3, Washington 2
Detroit 2, Anaheim 1
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2, SO

Monessen opens with Rochester

Traditional Class A power will visit Memorial Stadium Aug. 29.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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Area high school athletic directors didn't waste any time completing their football schedules.

Hours after the WPIAL released the alignment and the crossover games, the ADs quickly filled their openings.

John Sacco, Monessen's third-year athletic director, faced the toughest assignment of the group.

With cross-river rival Charleroi being taken away after 23 straight openers, Sacco was hoping to open with Clairton.

The WPIAL, however, changed that by making the the Bears the Greyhounds' crossover opponent on the second Friday of the season at Memorial Stadium.

"We were hoping to get a Class AAA team for the opener but none of them wanted to play or scrimmage us," said Sacco.

Sacco, however, came up with a good opener in perennial Class A power Rochester, who will come to Memorial Stadium Aug. 29.

Sacco

The Rams have played in seven of the last 10 WPIAL championship games, winning five times with successive titles from 2000 to 2002.

Over the last six years, Rochester has been one of the WPIAL's winningest programs with 64 victories or an average of 10 a year.

Clairton, meanwhile, has won 39 games over the last four seasons, splitting two title contests with Rochester.

The Greyhounds will host the Rams in 2008 and go to Rochester next year.

Monessen lost to the Rams, 14-6, in the WPIAL Class A quarterfinals at Belle Vernon Area's Jim Weir Stadium in 2001.

'Monessen's other home dates besides Rochester and Clairton are West Greene (Sept. 19), Geibel (Oct. 3) and Carmichaels (Oct. 17) in the Tri-County South Conference.

Belle Vernon Area and Ringgold, now Big Seven Conference, will have crossover games with former Keystone rivals.

The Leps will open at Laurel Highlands (Aug. 29) and host Southmoreland (Sept. 5) in their first two contests and go to Greensburg Salem Sept. 19.

The Leps' home Big Seven games are with Chartiers Valley (Sept. 12), Trinity (Oct. 3) and Thomas Jefferson (Oct. 17).

Ringgold will open the season with Class AAAA Peters Township Aug. 29 but the schools haven't decided who will get the home game in the two-year series.

The next two Fridays the Rams will host Albert Gallatin and go to Southmoreland in non-conference action.

Ringgold's other home dates are with Elizabeth Forward (Sept. 26), Belle Vernon Area (Oct. 10) and Trinity (Oct. 24).

Elizabeth Forward will open at home with Yough Aug. 29 and go to Laurel Highlands the following Friday. The Warriors will host Derry (Oct. 10) in their other crossover game.

The Warriors' other home games are with Trinity (Sept. 19), Thomas Jefferson (Oct. 3) and Belle Vernon Area (Oct. 24).

Yough,which moved back up to Class AAA and the Keystone Conference, visits Chartiers Valley (Sept. 5) and hosts Trinity (Oct. 17) in its other crossover games.

The Cougars' other home foes are Laurel Highlands (Sept. 12), Albert Gallatin (Sept. 26) and Uniontown (Oct. 10).

California, which will be playing its home games at California University's Adamson Stadium for the third straight year, will entertain Frazier and Serra the first two Fridays in non-conference games.

The Trojans' other home opponents are Geibel (Sept. 19), Beth-Center (Oct. 10) and Monessen (Oct. 24).

Bentworth will go to Mapletown and Geibel for crossover games the first two weeks.

The Bearcats' home schedule shows Fort Cherry (Sept. 12), Burgettstown (Sept. 26), Serra (Oct. 3) and Frazier (Oct. 24).

Frazier's home schedule includes a crossover game with Mapletown (Sept. 5), Clairton (Sept. 12), Chartiers-Houston (Sept.260 and Serra (Oct. 17).

Charleroi athletic director Bill Wiltz didn't have to worry about looking for games since the Cougars' card consists of nine Class AA Interstate Conference contests.

Greensburg Central Catholic (Aug. 29), Brownsville (Sept. 12), Jeannette (Sept. 26) and Washington (Oct. 17) are the teams coming to Charleroi Stadium.

See area football schedules on Page 2B.

Pryor in select company

Jeannette star continues area's tradition of legendary quarterbacks.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

JEANNETTE, Pa. — Dan Marino, Joe Montana, Johnny Unitas, Joe Namath, George Blanda and Jim Kelly earned Pittsburgh and its environs the nickname of the Cradle of Quarterbacks.

Next up? It may very well be Terrelle Pryor, whose high school career dwarfed those of all the stars that preceded him in one of the nation's most competitive and closely watched football regions.

Pryor, a 6-foot-6, 225-pound bundle of talent, is the latest in a lengthy line of exceptional players from western Pennsylvania that also includes Tony Dorsett, LaVar Arrington and Bill Fralic.

"Not in my lifetime have I seen a player like Terrelle, and I've watched football for 40 years," said Ray Reitz, his slightly prejudiced coach at Jeannette High School. "When you're great, you're great. He could compete at any level."

Reitz, who saw Dorsett in high school, isn't alone in tossing out such praise for the only player in Pennsylvania high school history to rush for more than 4,000 yards and throw for more than 4,000 in a career. He finished with 4,250 yards rushing and 4,249 passing.

Pryor has already won several national player of the year awards. He was the MVP of the nationally televised U.S. Army All-American Bowl game in San Antonio earlier this month. He is also the No. 1-rated player by nearly every major recruiting service.

Terrelle Pryor

Pryor is special for another reason, too: Only two weeks from NCAA Division I-A national letter of intent day, Pryor is uncommitted — making him the object of one of the most intense coast-to-coast recruiting competitions in recent years.

The reasons why are obvious.

Pryor's size, speed, arm strength, acceleration and athleticism are uncommon for a quarterback so young. Watching him play high school football was much like watching LeBron James play Ohio high school basketball: He was so much better than those around him, it was like a man playing among boys.

This past season, Pryor had 3,788 yards of total offense, rushing for 1,899 yards and passing for 1,889 on a 16-0 team that scored a state-record 860 points, or 105 more than the previous record. Pryor ran for 33 touchdowns and threw for 23, averaging a touchdown once every four times he touched the ball.

No wonder college coach after college coach has told Pryor the same thing: Go to that coach's school, and it automatically becomes a national title contender. He is currently looking at Michigan, Ohio State, LSU and Oregon, but schools frequently fall on and off the list.

"He's a program changer. If you get him, you're going to get a lot of other great athletes to follow," Reitz said.

How good an athlete is Pryor? Despite having no preseason practice, he had 24 points, 11 rebounds, six dunks, four blocked shots and five steals in his first basketball game this season, only four days after his final football game.

While Pryor competed in the second smallest of Pennsylvania's four classes, he has played basketball against players from those schools and dominated. Few recruiters who

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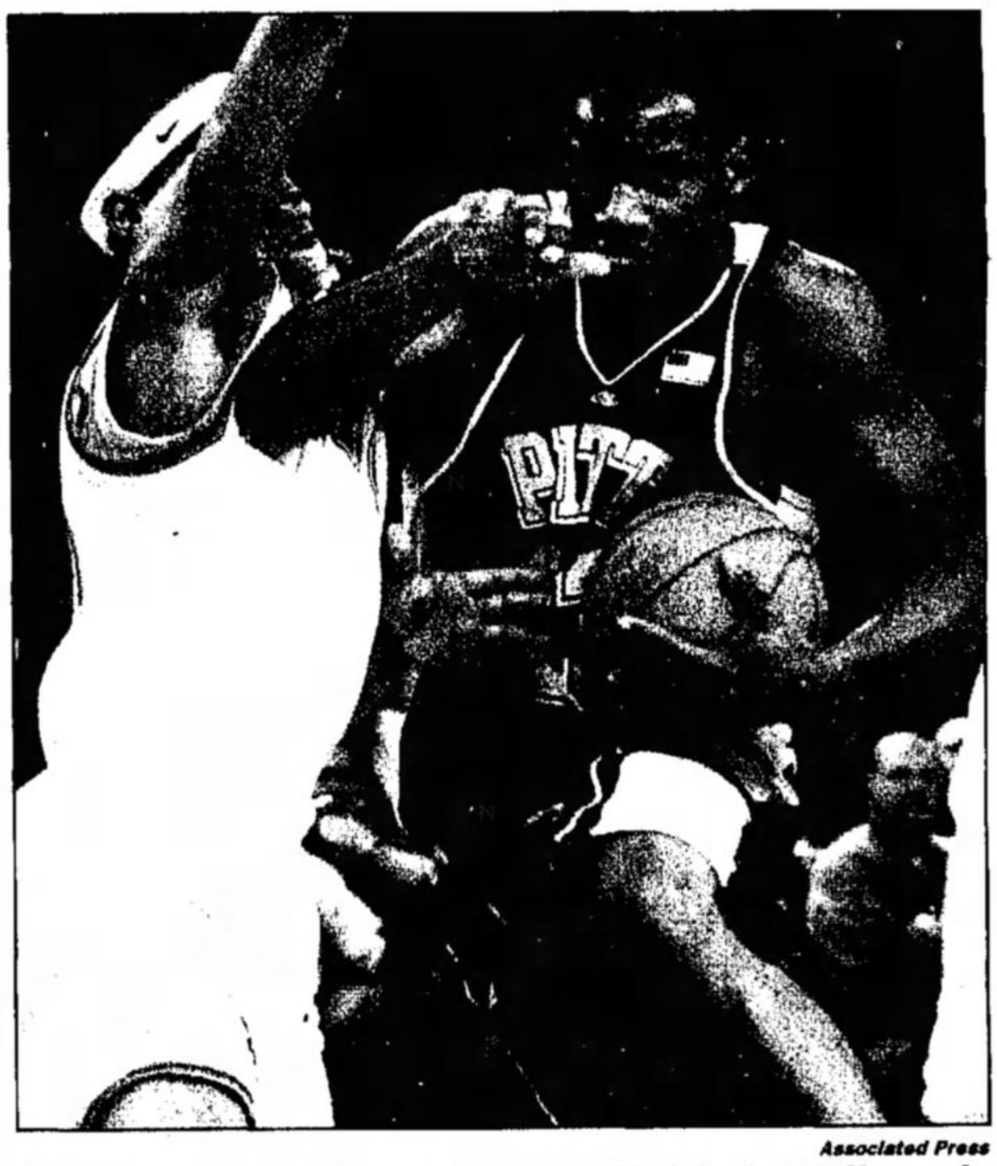

Associated Press

Pitt's Sam Young, right, drives past St. John's D.J. Kennedy during the second half Wednesday.

Young leads Pitt past St. John's

26-point performance sparks Panthers to 81-57 victory.

NEW YORK (AP) — Pittsburgh's recent success at Madison Square Garden didn't matter. Neither did the troubles the Panthers have had against St. John's in the building. All that was important was that Pittsburgh's last game was a loss.

"I think it was, for us, a great sign," coach Jamie Dixon said of his 13th-ranked Panthers' 81-57 victory over St. John's on Wednesday night. "We came off a loss and responded in a lot of good ways. It was something we have done in the past and I was impressed with our guys."

Sam Young had 26 points for Pittsburgh, which lost 62-59 at Cincinnati last Saturday to end a three-game winning streak.

"We were coming off a game where we didn't play well and we righted ourselves," said Young, who was 10-for-17 from the field including 3-for-6 on 3s. "That was pretty big. Now we have to maintain it."

Ronald Ramon added 16 points and five assists for the Panthers (16-3, 4-2 Big East), who improved to 5-2 since starters Mike Cook and Levance Fields were injured.

"We are nowhere near where we need to be and we know that," Dixon said. "We can improve as a group. We are playing four freshmen of our eight guys. I look at it as an opportunity. The learning curve is greater for freshmen."

With six players getting the bulk of the minutes, Pittsburgh improved to 19-8 at Madison Square Garden since the 2000-01 season. Most of the victories came in the Big East tournament, an event in which the Panthers have reached the championship game in six of the last seven seasons. There was also the 65-64 overtime win over then-No. 6 Duke just before Christmas.

(See PITT, Page 3B)

Ram wrestlers reach playoffs

Senior Night win over Peters Township clinches post-season berth.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

The Ringgold Rams wrestling team downed visiting Peters Township 54-21 Wednesday to finish third in Class AAA Section 4.

As a result they're in the WPIAL playoffs for the first time in seven years.

"This is a big accomplishment," said Ringgold coach Luke Smith said. "I was nervous tonight because there were distractions, but we fought through them.

"Plus it was Senior Night. There were many things that could have made us lose focus, but we pulled it out."

Smith was able to relax after the first three matches. The Rams opened up an 18-0 lead thanks to an opening forfeit to Chris Brown (160), followed by pinfall wins by Fred Garcia (171) and Todd Miller (189).

"Once we got those 18 points, I knew we were all right," Smith said. "They had to give us three more forfeits and that put us at 36 points without wrestling any other matches."

Smith pointed out the work done by Garcia, who is now 20-1. Garcia lost his only match of the year last weekend at the Washington County tournament.

"Against TJ and tonight, Fred has racked up the points by working on takedowns to get ready for the post-season," Smith said. "I think that loss woke him up. He is very focused now and ready to go."

The other three forfeit wins by Ringgold were Justin Patz (130), Brant Duda (135) and Ian Mathies (140).

Mike Tokar (145) and Corey McConville (285) added pins for the Rams.

Scoring decision wins for Ringgold were Dean Mathies (112) and Neal Rands (152).

The Rams host a dual meet this weekend before heading into the playoffs.

"We will know hopefully by this weekend who we face," Smith said. "The guys are very excited."

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	17	3	59	122	111
Pittsburgh	27	17	4	58	140	129
Philadelphia	26	16	5	57	156	135
N.Y. Islanders	24	19	6	54	123	137
N.Y. Rangers	23	21	6	52	122	128

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	30	15	4	64	166	141
Montreal	25	15	8	58	150	133
Boston	24	19	5	53	125	132
Toronto	20	22	8	48	141	162
Buffalo	20	21	6	46	140	138

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	24	24	4	52	158	170
Atlanta	23	25	3	49	140	173
Washington	22	22	5	49	145	155
Florida	22	24	4	48	127	143
Tampa Bay	20	24	5	45	141	160

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	37	10	4	78	174	110
Nashville	25	20	4	54	143	134
Columbus	24	20	6	54	127	126
St. Louis	22	18	7	51	122	132
Chicago	23	22	4	50	139	142

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	25	17	8	58	146	143
Minnesota	27	19	3	57	135	136
Vancouver	26	19	5	57	131	121
Colorado	26	19	4	56	136	135
Edmonton	22	24	5	49	136	155

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	19	5	61	153	136
Anaheim	27	19	6	60	134	134
San Jose	26	15	7	59	125	118
Phoenix	25	21	2	52	131	131
Los Angeles	19	29	2	40	140	168

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 3, Washington 2
Detroit 2, Anaheim 1
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2, SO

Today's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

No games scheduled

Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Game

All-Star Game at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	24	1	0	48
Wooster	13	10	2	28
Mon Valley	10	13	3	23
Jamestown	10	16	0	20
Valley Forge	7	17	2	16

Friday

Valley Forge at Jamestown

Saturday

Jamestown at Indiana
Wooster at Valley Forge

Sunday

Mon Valley at Indiana (4 p.m.)

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Dan Kolb, RHP Miguel Asencio, RHP Ben Howard, RHP Dan Miceli, C Steve Torrelaba, OF Rich Thompson and RHP David Thorne on minor league contracts.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Rafael Betancourt on a two-year contract.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP James Shields on a four-year contract.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jeremy Affeldt on a one-year contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with SS Troy Tulowitzki on a six-year contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with INF Abraham Nunez on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP Ricardo Rincon on a minor league contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jaret Wright on a minor league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with Kevin Towers, general manager, on a two-year contract extension through the 2010 season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Named Mike Smith coach.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Named Cam Cameron offensive coordinator.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Curtis Modkins running backs coach and Joe D'Alessandris assistant offensive line coach. Promoted Bob Bicknell to offensive line coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Paul Pasqualoni defensive coordinator, Todd Bowles assistant head coach and secondary coach, and Kacy Rodgers defensive line coach.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Named Charlie Joiner wide receivers coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL—Suspended Atlanta LW Ilya Kovalchuk one game without pay for a hit from behind on N.Y. Rangers D Michal Rozsival in a Jan. 22 game.

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled F Jim Slater and F Brett Sterling from Chicago (AHL).

CALGARY FLAMES—Assigned F Eric Nystrom to Quad City (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Assigned F David Jones to Lake Erie (AHL).

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned D Marc Methot to Syracuse (AHL).

DALLAS STARS—Assigned RW B.J. Crombeen to Iowa (AHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled F Yan Stastny from Peoria (AHL).

COLLEGE

CHATTANOOGA—Suspended F Matt Gwynne one game for his actions in a Jan. 19 game against Davidson.

KANSAS—Promoted Clint Bowen from football safeties coach and co-defensive coordinator to defensive coordinator.

NEBRASKA—Signed Bo Pelini, football coach, to a five-year contract.

Jeff Carter and the Flyers will host the Penguins at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports.

Sports dial

Today

Television

3 p.m. - Golf Channel - Buick Open, golf.

3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis, tape delay.

7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, hockey.

7 p.m. - ESPN - Duke at Virginia Tech, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Seton Hall at Providence, college basketball.

8 p.m. - TNT - San Antonio at Miami, pro basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN2 - Michigan State at Northwestern, college basketball.

10:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - UCLA at Oregon, college basketball.

10:30 p.m. - TNT - New Jersey at Golden State, pro basketball.

Radio

7 p.m. - WXDX (105.9 FM) - Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, hockey.

8 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - San Antonio at Miami, pro basketball.

Friday

Television

3:30 a.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	2	0	11	4
Edinboro	2	0	12	4
Indiana	2	0	10	7
Clarion	1	2	9	8
Slippery Rock	1	2	3	14
Lock Haven	1	2	1	16
Shippensburg	0	3	6	12

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Kutztown	3	0	11	5
East Stroudsburg	2	0	13	3
Millersville	2	1	12	5
Cheyney	2	1	9	6
Mansfield	0	2	13	4
West Chester	0	2	8	8
Bloomsburg	0	3	8	9

Wednesday

California 69, Shippensburg 57
Indiana 61, Slippery Rock 53
Clarion 69, Lock Haven 60
East Stroudsburg 72, Bloomsburg 46
Cheyney 91, West Chester 73
Kutztown 78, Millersville 60
Mansfield 85, Dist. of Columbia 82

Saturday

California at Lock Haven (3 p.m.)
Indiana at Edinboro
Shippensburg at Clarion
Kutztown at Bloomsburg
Cheyney at Mansfield
East Stroudsburg at West Chester

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	2	0	17	1
California	2	0	15	2
Shippensburg	2	1	14	4
Edinboro	1	1	11	5
Clarion	1	2	11	6
Slippery Rock	1	2	7	11
Lock Haven	0	3	5	12

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	3	0	13	4
East Stroudsburg	2	0	8	8
West Chester	1	1	9	7
Kutztown	1	2	8	10
Bloomsburg	1	2	5	12
Cheyney	1	2	4	12
Mansfield	0	2	5	12

Wednesday

California 100, Shippensburg 74
Clarion 95, Lock Haven 71
Indiana 77, Slippery Rock 69
East Stroudsburg 78, Bloomsburg 39
Cheyney 65, West Chester 60
Millersville 65, Kutztown 40

Saturday

California at Lock Haven (1 p.m.)
Indiana at Edinboro
Shippensburg at Clarion
Kutztown at Bloomsburg
Cheyney at Mansfield
East Stroudsburg st West Chester

Cal U lineups

Men

California - 69

Hairston, 6-2-14; Brooks, 6-0-15; Banks, 2-3-7; Mbaye, 1-4-6; Logan, 3-0-6; Sawyer, 1-0-3; Johnson, 0-2-2; Berenato, 0-0-0; Vaughn, 1-1-3; Colao, 5-0-13; Parker, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 25 (55), F - 12 (21), T - 69.

Shippensburg - 57

Graff, 4-2-10; Jones, 4-2-11; Oleksiak, 0-1-1; Kraft, 4-4-14; Lauber, 0-0-0; Reisinger, 1-0-2; Gembe, 3-1-8; Minter, 5-0-11. Totals: Fg - 21 (54), F - 10 (15), T - 57.

Halftime score: 32-31, Shippensburg.

Three-pointers: California (7-16) Brooks 3, Colao 3, Sawyer. Shippensburg (5-19) Kraft 2, Jones, Gembe, Minter.

Women

California - 100

Smith, 12-1-25; Johnson, 3-0-7; Williams, 9-5-23; Andrews, 6-1-14; Dubyak, 6-2-17; Mance, 6-1-14; DiPietro, 0-0-0; Benick, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 42 (76), F - 10 (12), T - 100.

Shippensburg - 74

Beckley, 5-4-15; Gardner, 2-5-10; Mercer, 8-5-21; Metz, 2-2-7; Fogle, 6-5-20; Bessick, 0-0-0; Wasser, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 23 (61), F - 22 (28), T - 74.

Halftime score: 53-47, California.

Three-pointers: California (6-14) Dubyak 3, Johnson, Andrews, Mance. Shippensburg (8-14) Fogle 3, Gardner, Beckley, Metz.

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	7	0	18	1
Keystone Oaks	6	1	11	9
Ringgold	3	4	6	15
South Park	3	4	8	11
Trinity	2	5	5	13
McGuffey	0	7	3	15

Friday

McGuffey at Ringgold
Chartiers Valley at Trinity
Keystone Oaks at South Park

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	6	1	15	5
Steel Valley	4	3	12	5
West Mifflin	4	3	9	8
Thomas Jefferson	4	3	6	11
Yough	2	5	6	13
Elizabeth Forward	1	6	5	15

Wednesday

Belle Vernon Area 70, Southmoreland 61

Friday

Belle Vernon Area at Thomas Jefferson
Elizabeth Forward at Steel Valley
Yough at West Mifflin

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	11	0	16	4
Washington	10	1	16	5
Burgettstown	7	4	13	5
Brownsville	6	5	10	10
Charleroi	5	6	10	10
C-Houston	4	7	10	10
Waynesburg	1	10	3	15
Beth-Center	0	11	3	17

Wednesday

Burgettstown 82, Fort Cherry 64

Today

Albert Gallatin at Brownsville

Friday

Waynesburg at Monessen
Beth-Center at Charleroi
Washington at Burgettstown
Brownsville at C-Houston

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	7	0	12	4
Carmichaels	5	2	13	4
Geibel	3	3	4	11
Mapletown	3	3	9	9
Jeff-Morgan	1	6	5	15
West Greene	1	6	2	13

Wednesday

West Greene 64, Jeff-Morgan 53

Friday

Mapletown at California
West Greene at Geibel
Carmichaels at Jeff-Morgan

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	9	0	18	1
Bentworth	7	3	13	5
Clairton	6	3	9	8
Sacred Heart	5	5	6	14
Cornell	4	5	10	8
Avella	2	8	7	12
Frazier	0	9	2	16

Wednesday

Serra 77, South Allegheny 48

Friday

Frazier at Cornell
Serra at Sacred Heart
Avella at Clairton

High school girls' standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	6	1	14	5
Chartiers Valley	6	1	13	6
West Allegheny	4	3	9	10
Keystone Oaks	3	4	6	12
McGuffey	2	5	7	12
Waynesburg	0	7	4	14

Today

McGuffey at Ringgold
Chartiers Valley at Waynesburg
Keystone Oaks at West Allegheny

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	7	0	16	3
Elizabeth Forward	5	2	16	4
Thomas Jefferson	5	2	9	10
Steel Valley	2	5	9	10
Belle Vernon Area	2	5	5	14
Yough	0	7	7	13

Today

Belle Vernon Area at Thomas Jefferson
Elizabeth Forward at Steel Valley
Yough at West Mifflin

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	9	0	19	1
Beth-Center	7	3	14	5
Brownsville	6	4	14	7
Charleroi	5	4	10	10
Bentworth	4	5	10	9
C-Houston	1	8	5	16
Burgettstown	1	9	4	17

Today

Brownsville at Charleroi
C-Houston at Bentworth
Washington at Beth-Center
Brentwood at Burgettstown

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	7	0	13	5
Carmichaels	6	1	10	9
Mapletown	4	4	11	6
California	3	5	7	12
West Greene	1	6	1	18
Jeff-Morgan	1	6	2	17

Wednesday

Mapletown 63, California 54

Today

West Greene at Geibel
Carmichaels at Jeff-Morgan

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	8	0	19	0
Serra	6	2	11	5
Clairton	5	3	9	6
Avella 3	4	9	8	
Trinity Christian	2	7	5	13
Frazier	0	8	0	20

Wednesday

Clairton 73, Jeannette 45
Serra 58, South Allegheny 29

Today

Monessen at Frazier
Clairton at Avella
Beaver County Christian at Trinity Christian

High school lineups

BOYS

Belle Vernon Area - 70

Dudzinski, 8-1-18; Naylor, 0-0-0; Pohlot, 6-2-14; CoryWilliams, 3-0-7; Lustig, 5-0-12; Rodriguez, 1-0-2; Green, 1-1-3; Pawlak, 2-0-4; Cody Williams, 0-0-0; Spate, 1-0-2; Russell, 1-1-3; Capco, 2-0-5. Totals: FG - 30, F - 5 (19), T - 70.

Southmoreland - 51

Showman, 2-2-6; Millslagle, 7-1-17; Sikora, 3-1-8; Schwartz, 3-2-8; McKlveen, 1-0-2; Hart, 1-0-2; Leonard, 2-0-5; Byers, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 20, F - 6 (14), T - 51.

Score by quarters:					
S'moreland	4	18	16	13	51
BV Area	19	16	19	16	70

Three-pointers: BVA - Lustig 2, Dudzinski, Cory Williams, Capco. Southmoreland - Millslagle 2, Sikora, Leonard, Byers.

GIRLS

Mapletown - 63

Stevulak, 4-3-11; Chory, 9-5-23; Shook, 4-3-12; Novak, 4-2-10; Wilson, 1-0-2; Howell, 1-0-2; Dickerson, 1-1-3. Totals: FG - 24, F - 14 (17), T - 63.

California - 34

Greenlief, 1-3-5; Lassoy, 1-3-5; Zajicek, 2-0-4; Moluski, 6-0-13; Wagner, 1-5-7. Totals: FG - 11, F - 11 (17), T - 34.

Score by quarters:					
Mapletown	21	19	15	8	63
California	4	6	14	10	34

Three-pointers: California - Moluski. Mapletown - Shook.

High school scores

BOYS

Avonworth 66, Northgate 62
Belle Vernon Area 70, Southmoreland 51
Brentwood 76, Carlynton 63
Burgettstown 82, Fort Cherry 64
Carrick 79, St. Joseph 66
Serra Catholic 77, South Allegheny 48
West Greene 64, Jefferson-Morgan 53

GIRLS

Ambridge 57, Riverside 41
Avonworth 64, Northgate 20
Clairton 73, Jeannette 45
Seneca Valley 57, Allderdice 46
Serra Catholic 58, South Allegheny 29
West Shamokin 53, Leechburg 27

Pitt lineups

PITTSBURGH - 81

Young 10-17 3-6 26, Blair 5-8 0-2 10, Benjamin 3-7 1-2 9, Ramon 4-7 7-9 16, Brown 3-4 0-0 7, Biggs 2-7 1-1 5, Wanamaker 1-2 0-0 2, Frye 1-1 0-0 3, Polen 0-1 0-0 0, McGhee 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 30-55 13-22 81.

ST. JOHN'S - 57

Mason Jr. 12-17 2-3 29, Coker 0-1 0-0 0, Burrell 3-9 1-2 7, Lawrence 1-1 0-0 2, Kennedy 3-8 1-4 7, Boothe 2-5 0-0 4, Wright 0-4 0-0 0, Jasiulionis 0-0 0-0 0, Evans 2-4 0-3 4, Horne 1-2 1-2 3, Cavataio 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 24-51 6-16 57.

Halftime—Pittsburgh 38-27.

3-Point Goals—Pittsburgh 8-15 (Young 3-6, Benjamin 2-3, Frye 1-1, Ramon 1-2, Brown 1-2, Biggs 0-1), St. John's 3-12 (Mason Jr. 3-4, Burrell 0-1, Boothe 0-2, Kennedy 0-2, Wright 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Pittsburgh 36 (Blair 8), St. John's 29 (Burrell, Mason Jr. 5). Assists—Pittsburgh 17 (Ramon 5), St. John's 9 (Boothe, Wright 3). Total Fouls—Pittsburgh 18, St. John's 21.

A—5,219.

College basketball

MEN

EAST

American U. 66, Army 53
Charlotte 84, La Salle 78
Dartmouth 86, Md.-Eastern Shore 62
Duquesne 83, St. Bonaventure 67
Lafayette 80, Bucknell 68
Lehigh 63, Colgate 60
Maine 81, Albany, N.Y. 70
Navy 85, Holy Cross 74
Ohio 68, Buffalo 59
Pittsburgh 81, St. John's 57
Purdue 64, Penn St. 42
Rh. Island 81, George Washington 70
Rutgers 80, Villanova 68
Saint Joseph's 81, Massachusetts 77
Temple 80, Penn 64
Towson 58, Georgia St. 57
Va. Commonwealth 82, Hofstra 65
West Virginia 66, Marshall 64
William & Mary 73, Drexel 72, OT

SOUTH

Delaware 66, James Madison 65
Florida 73, South Carolina 71
Florida St. 69, Virginia 67
George Mason 86, Old Dominion 53
Georgia Tech 77, N.C. State 74
Louisville 80, South Florida 60
McNeese St. 85, Northwestern St. 74
North Carolina 98, Miami 82
Tulane 67, SMU 52
UAB 77, East Carolina 59
UCF 109, UTEP 80
UNC Asheville 82, Radford 63
UNC Wilmington 77, Northeastern 69
W. Kentucky 73, New Orleans 55
Winthrop 85, VMI 41

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 55, Miami (Ohio) 52
Bradley 76, Illinois St. 75
Connecticut 84, Cincinnati 83
Indiana 65, Iowa 43
Indiana St. 72, Evansville 42
Kansas 83, Iowa St. 59
Kent St. 75, Akron 69
Missouri St. 63, S. Illinois 62
N. Iowa 65, Wichita St. 58

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 116, Texas A&M 110, 5OT
Houston 69, Rice 60
Memphis 56, Tulsa 41
Texas Tech 92, Missouri 84

FAR WEST

BYU 59, San Diego St. 56
Cal St.-Fullerton 72, UC Riverside 61
Kansas St. 72, Colorado 56
UNLV 78, Wyoming 71
Weber St. 69, Sacramento St. 56

WOMEN

EAST

Army 59, American U. 49
Boston U. 82, Maine 77
George Washington 50, La Salle 32
Holy Cross 62, Navy 51
Lafayette 64, Bucknell 58, OT
Lehigh 67, Colgate 37
St. Bonaventure 59, Fordham 49
Vermont 72, New Hampshire 64
West Virginia 58, Marshall 51

SOUTH

Louisville 79, Marquette 69
Temple 47, Richmond 40
Winthrop 68, High Point 67

MIDWEST

Ball St. 82, Cent. Michigan 57
Baylor 72, Missouri 57
Ill.-Chicago 62, Wis.-Milwaukee 59

Football schedules

Belle Vernon Area

Aug. 29 - At Laurel Highlands
Sept. 5 - Southmoreland
Sept. 12 - Chartiers Valley
Sept. 19 - At Greensburg-Salem
Sept. 26 - At West Mifflin
Oct. 3 - Trinity
Oct. 10 - At Ringgold
Oct. 17 - Thomas Jefferson
Oct. 24 - At Elizabeth Forward

Bentworth

Aug. 29 - At Mapletown
Sept. 5 - At Geibel
Sept. 12 - Fort Cherry
Sept. 19 - At Clairton
Sept. 26 - Burgettstown
Oct. 3 - Serra
Oct. 10 - At Avella
Oct. 17 - At Chartiers-Houston
Oct. 24 - Frazier

California Area

Aug. 29 - Frazier
Sept. 5 - Serra
Sept. 12 - At West Greene
Sept. 19 - Geibel
Sept. 26 - At Mapletown
Oct. 3 - At Carmichaels
Oct. 10 - Beth-Center
Oct. 17 - At Jefferson-Morgan
Oct. 24 - Monessen

Charleroi Area

Aug. 29 - Greensbug Central
Sept. 5 - At East Allegheny
Sept. 12 - Brownsville
Sept. 19 - At South Allegheny
Sept. 26 - Jeannette
Oct. 3 - At Waynesburg
Oct. 10 - At McGuffey
Oct. 17 - Washington
Oct. 24 - At Mt. Pleasant

Elizabeth Forward

Aug. 29 - Yough
Sept. 5 - At Laurel Highlands
Sept.12 - AtWest Mifflin
Sept. 19 - Trinity
Sept. 26 - At Ringgold
Oct. 3 - Thomas Jefferson
Oct. 10 - Derry
Oct. 17 - At Chartiers Valley
Oct. 24 - Belle Vernon Area

Frazier

Aug. 29 - At California
Sept. 5 - Mapletown
Sept. 12 - Clairton
Sept. 19 - At Avella
Sept 26 - Chartiers-Houston
Oct. 3 - At Burgettstown
Oct. 10 - At Fort Cherry
Oct. 17 - Serra
Oct. 24 - At Bentworth

Monessen

Aug. 29 - Rochester
Sept. 5 - Clairton
Sept. 12 - At Mapletown
Sept. 19 - West Greene
Sept. 26 - At Beth-Center
Oct. 3 - Geibel
Oct. 10 - At Jefferson-Morgan
Oct. 17 - Carmichaels
Oct. 24 - At California

Ringgold

Aug. 29 - Peters Township
Sept. 5 - Albert Gallatin
Sept. 12 - At Southmoreland
Sept. 19 - At Thomas Jefferson
Sept. 26 - Elizabeth Forward
Oct. 3 - At Chartiers Valley
Oct. 10 - Belle Vernon Area
Oct. 17 - At West Mifflin
Oct. 24 - Trinity

Yough

Aug. 29 - At Elizabeth Forward
Sept. 5 - At Chartiers Valley
Sept. 12 - Laurel Highlands
Sept. 19 - At Derry
Sept.26 - Albert Gallatin
Oct. 3 - At Greensburg Salem
Oct. 10 - Uniontown
Oct. 17 - Trinity
Oct. 24 - At Southmoreland

Latest Line

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 3		
Super Bowl XLII		
University of Phoenix Stadium-Glendale, AZ.		
New England	12 (54)	NY Giants

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
San Antonio	8	MIAMI
MILWAUKEE	3 1/2	Indiana
GOLDEN ST	9	New Jersey

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
BUTLER	19	Loyola Chicago
PROVIDENCE	8 1/2	Seton Hall
Duke	8 1/2	VIRGINIA TECH
FLA ATLANTIC	4 1/2	Denver
Utah State	11	LA TECH
ARKANSAS ST	5	Fla International
XAVIER	12	Dayton
WISC GR. BAY	4 1/2	Cleveland State
WISC MILW.	11	Youngstown St
VALPARAISO	10	Illinois Chicago
S. ALABAMA	13	La-Lafayette
Southern Cal	8	OREGON STATE
LA-MONROE	5	Middle Tenn St
TROY	3	Ark Little Rock
ARIZONA	2	Washington St
ARIZONA ST	4 1/2	Washington
BOISE STATE	12	Hawaii
N. MEXICO ST	4 1/2	Nevada
Michigan St	10	N'WESTERN
IDAHO	2	San Jose State
CAL SB	7 1/2	Pacific
CAL POLY SLO	11	UC Davis
Ucla	3 1/2	OREGON
Appalachian St	10	FURMAN
Siena	2 1/2	LOYOLA MD
RIDER	12	Manhattan
CHARLESTON	4 1/2	NC Greensboro
Davidson	24	THE CITADEL
W. CAROLINA	3 1/2	Elon
GA SOUTHERN	10	Wofford
IONA	2	Marist
Austin Peay	8	JACKS. ST
MURRAY ST	5 1/2	Tennessee Tech
SAMFORD	5	Tenn. Martin
SE MO ST	5 1/2	Morehead State
N. COLORADO	3	Montana State

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
WASHINGTON	1/2-1	Toronto
PHILADELPHIA	1/2-1	Pittsburgh
NY RANGERS	1-1 1/2	Atlanta
NEW JERSEY	1/2-1	Montreal
BOSTON	Even-1/2	NY Islanders
Ottawa	Even-1/2	TAMPA BAY
FLORIDA	Even-1/2	Edmonton
DALLAS	1/2-1	Buffalo
CHICAGO	Even-1/2	Columbus
COLORADO	Even-1/2	Minnesota
PHOENIX	Even-1/2	Nashville
SAN JOSE	1/2-1	St. Louis
Anaheim	1/2-1	LOS ANGELES

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	7	.825	—
Toronto	23	19	.548	11
New Jersey	18	23	.439	15 1/2
Philadelphia	16	27	.372	18 1/2
New York	13	28	.317	20 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	27	17	.614	—
Washington	22	18	.550	3
Atlanta	17	21	.447	7
Charlotte	16	26	.381	10
Miami	8	32	.200	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	30	13	.698	—
Cleveland	23	18	.561	6
Indiana	19	24	.442	11
Chicago	17	24	.415	12
Milwaukee	16	26	.381	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	29	12	.707	—
Dallas	28	13	.683	1
San Antonio	27	13	.675	1 1/2
Houston	23	19	.548	6 1/2
Memphis	12	30	.286	17 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	25	16	.610	—
Portland	25	17	.595	1/2
Utah	24	18	.571	1 1/2
Seattle	9	33	.214	16 1/2
Minnesota	7	34	.171	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	30	13	.698	—
L.A. Lakers	27	13	.675	1 1/2
Golden State	25	18	.581	5
Sacramento	18	23	.439	11
L.A. Clippers	13	25	.342	14 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Detroit 86, Philadelphia 78
Dallas 102, Charlotte 95
Cleveland 121, Washington 85
Toronto 114, Boston 112
Orlando 112, Memphis 85
Minnesota 117, Phoenix 107
New Orleans 96, Portland 81
Chicago 108, Indiana 95
Denver 107, Atlanta 100
San Antonio 103, L.A. Lakers 91
Houston 109, Seattle 107
L.A. Clippers 111, Sacramento 85

Today's Games

Indiana at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Miami, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Wrestling results

Ringgold 54, Peters Twp. 21

103 - Hilzendecare, PT; won by forfeit.
112 - D. Mathies, R; dec. Woodrow, 4-0.
119 - Heilmann, PT; def. Arbes, 7-3, 2 OT.
125 - Mauer, PT; pinned A. Duda, 5:29.
130 - Patz, R; won by forfeit
135 - B. Duda, R; won by forfeit.
140 - I. Mathies, R; won by forfeit
145 - Tokar, R; pinned Ceccarelli, 3:47.
152 - Rands, R; dec. Nicholson, 6-2.
160 - Brown, R; won by forfeit.
171 - Garcia, R; pinned Sheetz, 3:57.
189 - Miller, R; pinned Fortunado, 1:18.
215 - Almnaizet, PT; pinned Sloan, 5:03.
285 - McConville, R; pinned Walker, 1:22.

Bentworth 40, Charleroi 30

103 - No match.
112 - Lapcevic, B; won by forfeit.
119 - Black, C; won by forfeit.
125 - Mizia, B; pinned Ruehle, 1:32.
130 - Demain, B; pinned Calcek, :44.
135 - Dyky, B; pinned Snyder, 1:36.
140 - Patterson, C; won by forfeit.
145 - Vehaley, B; major dec. over Wright, 10-1.
152 - Early, B; pinned Olexa, 2:19.
160 - Wessel, B; won by forfeit.
171 - Thorpe, C; dec, Brandt, 6-0.
189 - Grillo, C; pinned Cline, 2:38.
215 - Campbell, C; dec. Anderson, 6-4 (ot)
Hvy - Radomile, C; won by forfeit.

Bowling

Tan-O-Bell Lanes
Epiphany Men's League
Standings

Duquesne, 87-53; Villanova, 71-62; Holy Cross, 69-71; St. Vincent and Notre Dame, 67-73; St. John, 54-79.

High scores

Emil Crisi, 223-599; Jim Peltier, 210-574; Lee Nicolaus, 168-489; Jack Sparacino, 167-478; Nick Kostelac, 200-461; Anthony Manderino, 171-451; Philip Faraci,

Temporary PFA issued for Wilson

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Cedrick Wilson said his ex-girlfriend has kicked him and he fears she would shoot him if she gets a gun, according to a temporary protection-from-abuse court order he obtained against the woman.

Wilson sought the court order Tuesday, two days after Lindsey Paulat, the mother of his 1-year-old daughter, Anya, was charged with aggravated assault and reckless endangerment for firing two shots in the player's home once he left after an argument.

"I believed I would be shot if she got access to gun," the document said. "Since break up of relationship I am fearful — behavior out of control," Wilson said in concluding the court petition.

Wilson said he left the home after Paulat kicked him then sat on the trunk of his car, yelling at him, the document said.

Wilson contends Paulat called to tell him, "I have a gun and am going to shoot myself," and later, "I shot the gun but missed my head," before he called police, the document said. Wilson said the woman has attempted suicide in the past.

Police have said the handgun gun belongs to Wilson.

Paulat remained in custody Thursday and her family has repeatedly declined comment. It is not clear if she has an attorney.

Wilson said in the document that he called police after he left the apartment, prompting a 12-hour standoff with police that ended when Paulat threw the gun out of the residence about 12:45 a.m. Sunday.

Paulat has some overnight and weekend visitation with their daughter, the document said. Wilson's 12-year-old son by another woman, Cedrick Jr., also lives at his home.

Paulat has been ordered to stay away from Wilson's home and daughter until an Allegheny County judge can hold a hearing Monday on whether to extend or modify the protection-from-abuse order.

Hard feelings left at WVU

E-mail trace falling out between school officials and Rodriguez.

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) -- Even before the first snap at fall football practice last year, Rich Rodriguez and his agent were pursuing a promised "culture change" at West Virginia and a shake-up at the highest levels of the athletic department, e-mails obtained by the Associated Press show.

But by mid-November, Rodriguez's agent Mike Brown was threatening to take his client elsewhere, warning WVU the coach was being mentioned for possible openings at Texas A&M and Florida State.

Rodriguez resigned Dec. 18 for the head coaching job at Michigan, touching off a bitter and ongoing public dispute that has included a $4 million lawsuit over his buyout clause and allegations of broken promises and missing files from his athletic department office.

The gradual disintegration of the relationship is documented in a series of e-mails written over a five-month period and released to the AP under the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

They show Brown fighting for more operational and marketing control over the football program and over money Rodriguez helped raise through a booster organization he founded.

In e-mails to WVU president Mike Garrison and his chief of staff, Craig Walker, Brown also complains of Gov. Joe Manchin interfering with the program.

WVU administration officials declined to discuss the e-mails, citing concerns about the lawsuit. Brown also declined to discuss the e-mails when contacted Wednesday.

But athletic director Ed Pastilong, whose department was not copied in on any of the correspondence, said Wednesday he was unaware of plans for a culture change or of conflict between his staff and Rodriguez.

"Rich and I got along very good. I was largely responsible for hiring him, and we had an open communication," he told the AP. "This is the first I've heard of it."

Pastilong, who is close friends with the governor, denies Manchin interfered, as did Manchin spokeswoman Lara Ramsburg.

"The governor and Rich were friends for 30-plus years, first and foremost, and their discussions throughout Rich's tenure were primarily as friends, with no intent on the governor's part of interfering in the WVU football program or its operations," she said.

Brown had been pressing WVU to act on new moneymaking ventures such as allowing advertising on the walls at Mountaineer Field and letting Rodriguez have his own paid-subscription Web site. The e-mails indicate WVU was proceeding slowly, researching legal and NCAA issues after learning of a controversy involving the Web site of Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione.

But an Aug. 1 e-mail from Brown suggested a long-simmering tension between Rodriguez, Pastilong and key assistant director, Mike Parsons.

That e-mail complained that "Pastilong is talking directly to the governor," and Manchin subsequently called Rodriguez to placate him.

Brown goes on to discuss the resignation of Whit Babcock, an assistant athletic director tasked with fundraising: "If you were to ask Whit Babcock why he was leaving, he would say 2 words, 'Ed Pastilong.'"

Babcock said Wednesday he left WVU to become senior associate director of athletics at Missouri.

"It was not an Ed Pastilong issue. It was a job responsibility issue and a tremendous opportunity. At Missouri, I have the opportunity to be the number two guy and expand my role," he said. "Ed Pastilong and I parted on good terms."

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Delmer Beshore scored 21 points in California State College's 102-61 romp at Washington and Jefferson.

Debbie Fallenstein scored 13 points in Charleroi's 48-15 win at Southmoreland.

Mon Valley Catholic downed Frazier, 44-24, behind Diane Bury's 17 points.

Linda Shorter scored 14 points in Belle Vernon Area's 59-35 loss to Uniontown.

20 Years Ago

Belle Vernon Area sophomore Brad Hoffman won the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke with school records in the Big 10 Conference meet at the Leps' pool. Elizabeth Forward won both the boys' and girls' team titles.

Dana Zajicek had a game-high 28 points in California University's 70-65 win over Indiana.

10 Years Ago

Eric Watson scored 24 points in California University's 93-84 loss to Edinboro.

Heather Corby had 16 points and 14 rebounds in California University's 60-57 defeat to Edinboro.

Pitt (FROM PAGE ONE)

"It is always emotional to play at Madison Square Garden," said Ramon, one of five New York-area natives on Pittsburgh's roster. "The young guys were ready and the seniors, we have provided some leadership, and it all came together tonight."

Freshman DeJuan Blair had 10 points and eight rebounds for Pittsburgh, which is 5-2 all-time against St. John's at the Garden.

Anthony Mason Jr. had a career-high 29 points on 12-for-17 shooting for the Red Storm (7-10, 1-5), who have lost four straight and six of seven. The junior forward's previous best was 22 twice, the last time against Seton Hall last season.

"As upperclassmen we have to help keep the young guys' heads up and tell them what it is," Mason said. "There are no excuses. We have to tough it out."

The Red Storm roster has eight freshmen on it.

"I chose the path we are on. I chose to bring in eight freshmen. I chose to do that for our program and build a foundation," fourth-year coach Norm Roberts said. "We have to take some lumps sometimes. We are playing against not good, great teams. We just have to battle through it."

St. John's scored the first four points of the second half to get within 38-31 but the Panthers went on a 9-0 run and the rout was on as the Red Storm never got closer than 12 points the rest of the way.

Pittsburgh's biggest lead was 77-50.

St. John's had not shot above 40 percent from the field in any of its last five losses and the Red Storm shattered that mark in the first half, going 12-for-23 (52.2 percent). But the Panthers managed to shoot 48.3 percent themselves (14-for-29) in taking the 38-27 lead.

The second half was more like it has been for the two teams this season.

The Panthers, who came into the game fourth in the conference from the field at 46.9 percent, shot 61.5 percent in the second half (16-for-26).

"It was just one of those days that we were hitting shots," Dixon said. "Our execution was better and we did a good job of moving the ball."

SPORTS DIGEST

BVA romps in tuneup for Thomas Jefferson

Belle Vernon Area High's basketball team tuned for Friday's Class AAA Section 5 game with Thomas Jefferson by dropping visiting Southmoreland, 70-51, Wednesday in a non-section contest.

BVA had to go overtime to beat TJ, 66-64, in their first meeting.

The Leps (15-5), who've won four in a row, coasted after jumping out to a 19-4 lead.

Jacob Dudzinski (18), Josh Pohlot (14) and Bo Lustig (12) combined for 44 points for BVA.

Sophomore Josh Millslagle had 17 points for the Scotties (3-17).

California loses to Mapletown

California High's girls were a 63-34 loser at home to Mapletown Wednesday in the showdown for third place in Class A Section 2.

Morgan Moluski topped the Lady Trojans (7-12,3-5) with 13 points while Erika Chory had 23 for the Lady Maples (11-6, 4-4). Mapletown never trailed after taking a 21-4 lead in the opening eight minutes.

Correction: Two technicals on Colts

The two technical fouls called in the Ringgold girls' 59-53 loss at Chartiers Valley Tuesday were on the home team not the Lady Rams as reported.

BV Area cagers down Charleroi

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team upped its record to 14-3 with a 46-27 win over Charleroi with Jake Burritt (12), Ian Dobbins (10) and Franklin Hewitt (10) combining for 32 points.

Charleroi downs Connellsville West

Charleroi Junior High's basketball team rallied from a 13-point third quarter deficit to shade Connellsville West, 55-52, in overtime.

Kyle Shannon poured in 29 points including three-pointers on five straight Charleroi possessions with Vinnie Scirotto adding 11 points and eight assists.

Vincent wins 200th at California

A strong second half made coach Darcie Vincent's 200th win at California University come easy at Shippensburg Wednesday.

The Vulcans outscored the Red Raiders, 47-27, in the final 20 minutes en route to a 100-74 victory.

The win was the 13th straight for California (15-23, 2-0) and the first time the Vulcans hit the century mark since 2004.

Freshman Kayla Smith had a game-high 25 points with classmate Amber Dubyak pulling down a career-high 14 rebounds and scoring 17 points.

Smith made 12 of 13 shots from the floor.

Brooque Williams added 23 points and nine rebounds with Crystal Andrews and Shaquetta Mance both scoring 14 points.

The Vulcans resume Saturday at 1 p.m. at Lock Haven.

California downs Shippensburg, 69-57

California University's basketball team upped its PSAC West record to 2-0 with a 69-57 win at Shippensburg Wednesday.

Trailing 32-31 at halftime, the Vulcans (11-4) shot 52 percent from the floor in the second half. Jesse Brooks and Theron Colao both hit three treys for the Vulcans.

Brooks finished with 15 points and Colao 13. James Hairston added 14. Ali Mbaye pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds.

Ryan Kraft led Ship (6-12, 0-3) with 14 points.

The Vulcans' next game is Saturday at 3 p.m. at Lock Haven.

Nadal upset in Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Second-ranked Rafael Nadal, seeking to prove he can win a Grand Slam on a surface other than Roland Garros' clay, instead matched his worst loss in a major as the No. 39-ranked Jo-Wilfried Tsonga reached the Australian Open finals with a dominating 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 victory today.

Nadal played well against Tsonga, who has struggled with injuries and had never gone beyond the fourth round in his four previous Grand Slams. But the Frenchman was virtually untouchable, smashing 17 aces against one of the best serve returners.

He faces the winner of Friday's semifinal between top-ranked Roger Federer and No. 3 Novak Djokovic.

On the women's side, fourth-ranked Ana Ivanovic staged a dramatic comeback, losing the first eight games before ousting No. 9 Daniela Hantuchova 0-6, 6-3, 6-4 to reach her second Grand Slam final. She will meet No. 5 Marja Sharapova, who overwhelmed Serbia's Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 6-1.

Trivia answer

Charles Haley. He played with three for Dallas and two for San Francisco.

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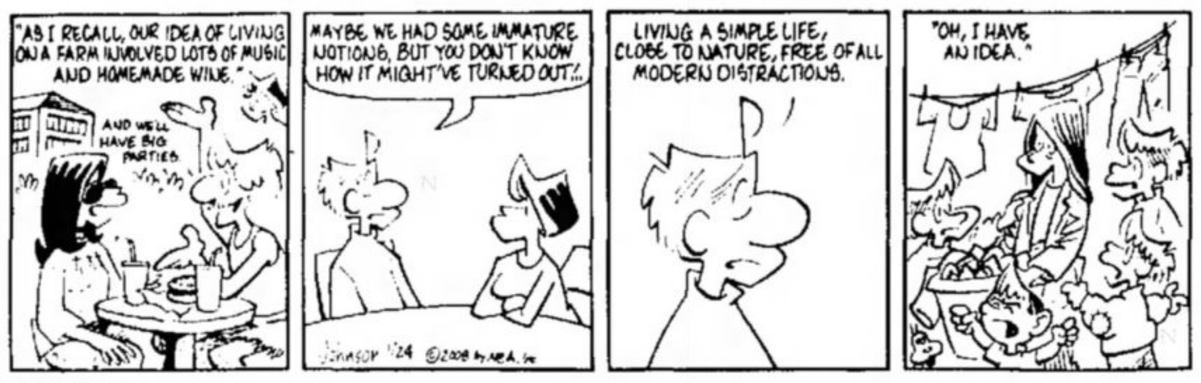
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AND WE'LL HAVE BIG PARTIES
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I'LL ADD ANOTHER DOG..
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DOES...DOES YOUR DOG BITE?
WHO? LOLA? NO! SHE'S A BIG PUSSY CAT! SHE LOVES PEOPLE, SHE'S GREAT WITH KIDS AND...
GGGRRR
OH! BUT THERE IS ONE THING. IF YOU'VE HAD ANY BEEF JERKY IN THE LAST SIX HOURS SHE'LL TRY TO CHEW YOUR LIPS OFF.
GRRR
UM. I HAD A BEEF GORDITA AT TACO BELL FOR LUNCH. DOES THAT COUNT?
WELL, JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, YOU MIGHT WANT TO SCRUB YOUR LIPS IN THE SINK.
GRR

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I CAN'T STAND UP STRAIGHT, DOC. SARGE MADE ME DIG DITCHES AS A PUNISHMENT!
WHAT WAS HE PUNISHING YOU FOR?
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BAD POSTURE
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I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU WEAR CORDUROY PANTS BEFORE— DON'T YOU LIKE THEM?
ARE YOU KIDDING? THE LAST TIME I WORE CORDS...
I STARTED A FIRE FROM MY THIGHS RUBBING TOGETHER!
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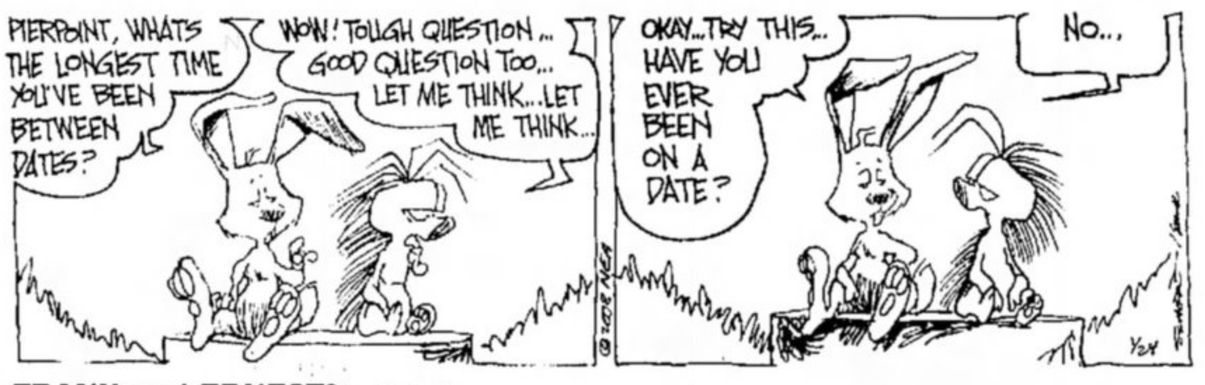
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WOW! TOUGH QUESTION... GOOD QUESTION TOO... LET ME THINK...LET ME THINK...
OKAY...TRY THIS.. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON A DATE?
NO...

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I RAN INTO A HIGH-SCHOOL BUDDY OF MINE THIS AFTERNOON.
I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM. I THOUGHT, WHY IS THIS OLD GUY COMING OVER TO TALK TO ME? THEN I REALIZED WHO HE WAS.
HE'S MY AGE. DO PEOPLE SEE ME LIKE I'M SOME OLD MAN? IF SO, MAYBE IT'S TIME I DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
WHY ARE YOU STARING...
NOTHING.

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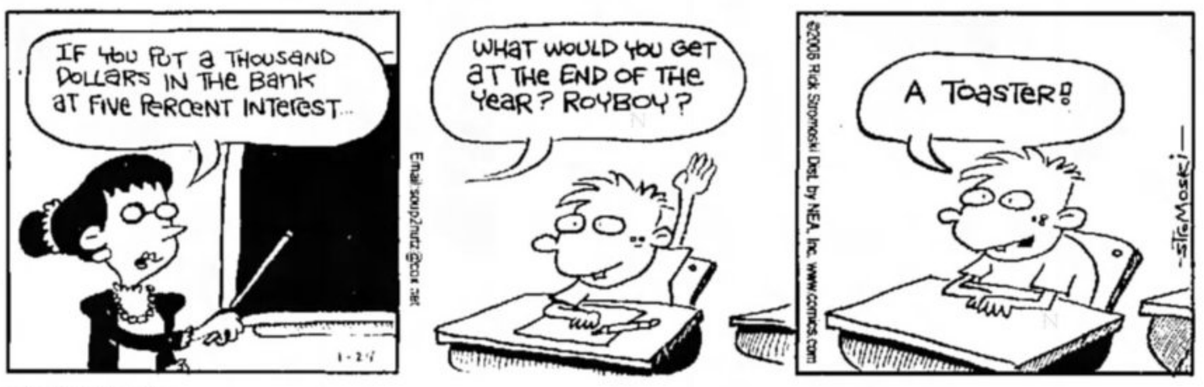
IF YOU PUT A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE BANK AT FIVE PERCENT INTEREST...
WHAT WOULD YOU GET AT THE END OF THE YEAR? ROYBOY?
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Email soup2nutz@cox.net
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"Did you feed this cat?"

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MR. ROSA SAID, AND I QUOTE: IF WHOEVER MADE SOMETHING SAYS IT'S ART, IT'S ART!
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THAT MEANS? IT'S LIKE HAVING A GET-OUT-OF-JAIL-FREE CARD!
THE NEXT TIME A TEACHER TRIES TO BUST ME FOR SOMETHING, I CAN JUST SAY I'M MAKING ART!
PETER
FIVE MINUTES LATER...
I'M MAKING ART.
RIGHT.

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue

YOU NEED OOOLA? YOU MEAN THE PRETTY BLACK-HAIRED WOMAN IN MOO?
YEAH... THAT'S THE ONE!
DON'T YOU WANT ME TO GET THE WIZER?
YOU LOOK AWFUL SICK, MR. OOP!
NO!! NOBODY ELSE... JUST OOOLA!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

BEFORE I START SHOOTING BACK, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO I AM SHOOTING AT!
JACK ELROD
THAT BEARDED MAN IS THE SAME MAN I SAW AT LUKE WILSON'S HOUSE...
AND THE WOMAN LOOKS LIKE BULL MALONE'S WIDOW!
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The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 High-grade coffee
6 Monsieur's shout
11 Fixed a tooth
12 Nut part
13 Tolerates
14 Blanks a tape
15 Cutting edge
16 Pesky bug
17 Fishing boat
19 Mideast title
23 Farm enclosure
26 Eurasian mountains
28 Miss America host of yore
29 South Seas paradise
31 Courtyards
33 "Maria —"
34 Jungle squawker
35 Pirate's quaff
36 Handle
39 Proposal
40 Theory
42 Spiky hair style
44 Mortarboard wearer
46 Host with a book club
51 Slower
54 Musical rattle
55 Diner favorite
56 Walking on air
57 Languished
58 Civilizes

DOWN

1 Factory
2 Earthen jar
3 Clump
4 Wielded an axe
5 Classified items
6 Dancer —-Ellen
7 Address the crowd
8 Connections
9 Spike or Ang
10 Gore and Capone
11 Groovy
12 Mombasa's country
16 Menacing sound
18 Yes, to Yves
20 Danke, in Dijon
21 Achilles' story
22 "Saving Private —"
23 Cancun toast
24 Topic
25 Feminine principle
27 Philosopher —-tzu
29 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
30 Bronzed
32 Popcorn buy
34 Gymnast's goal
37 In reserve
38 Beauty pack
41 Limber
43 Teddy bear look-alike
45 Oboe feature
47 Wheels for nanny
48 Loan figure
49 Some tennis points
50 Owned
51 Hack off
52 "Who — — to say?"
53 Meditation practice
54 Shook hands

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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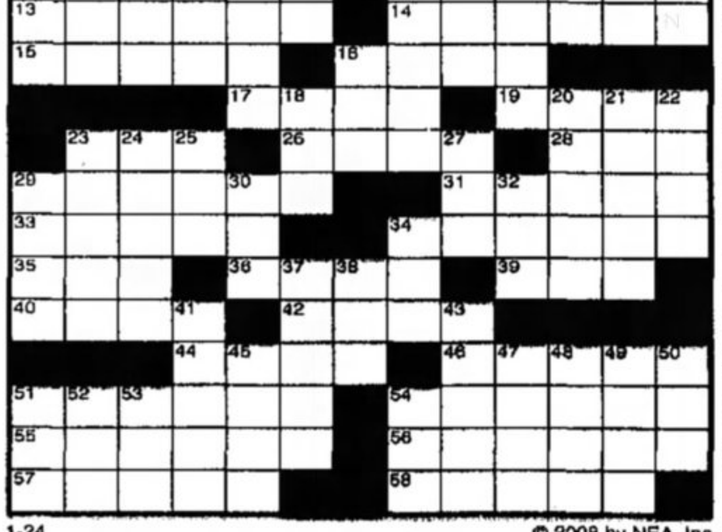

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Wife's flagging libido may be caused by inattentive husband

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Considering It in San Mateo" (Nov. 26), who asked you if it was permissible to have an affair because his wife of 34 years no longer wanted to have sex, was good, but you missed a couple of important points.

How is that man's hygiene?

Does he bathe every day?

Is he kind, loving and considerate of his wife during the day?

Are her hormones imbalanced?

Is she depressed or anemic?

Before "Considering It" goes jumping at another opportunity, he might want to consider showing affection and concern to the woman who has been with him for so long. — **BETSY IN HOUSTON**

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR BETSY: Some readers scolded me for my response to that letter, not realizing that part of my reply was tongue-in-cheek. (No, I do NOT advocate adultery.)

Others felt I didn't go far enough in my reply.

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Has "Considering It" done anything to ensure that his wife is well both physically and mentally?

Could her lack of interest in sex be linked to depression, post-menopausal hormone imbalance or another physical condition?

In a loving way he should urge her to see her physician and her gynecologist.

If she refuses, he should contact them and ask for advice or help.

He should also take a long, hard look at how he presents himself.

Finally, he might speak with a counselor, because lack of sexual activity can signal problems elsewhere in their relationship.

Marriages take work — even those that have lasted 34 years. — **SUSAN IN NEW WINDSOR, N.Y.**

DEAR ABBY: I am a nurse-practitioner, and for years I have heard women in their 40s and 50s complain about loss of libido.

In our area, a group of gynecologists has begun offering bioidentical hormone replacement.

This term refers to hormones that are exactly the same in structure and function as those produced by the human body.

My husband had also quoted the article regarding "having regular sex would improve your health."

Do these men really think we are happy with symptoms like hot flashes, fatigue, weight gain, etc.?

When I started experiencing symptoms similar to your reader's wife, I decided to see for myself.

It has been several months since I started bioidentical hormone treatment, and things have improved considerably. — **SMILING IN MIDDLETOWN, DEL.**

DEAR ABBY: The writer's wife may have a medical condition such as high cholesterol or high blood pressure, requiring medication that decreases libido.

She could be depressed, which affects interest in sex.

Menopause can also cause significantly reduced sex drive. Some hormone replacement medicines may help with this.

These conditions can be evaluated and treated by her doctor or OB/GYN.

The man should also evaluate the way he treats his wife.

Men often remind their wives that they desire sex, but forget that women need romance and stimulation.

Perhaps he should try a different approach?

Before stepping out of the marriage, with or without her permission, he should consider these possibilities.

Infidelity is destructive for the family and personal psyche. — **NURSE-PRACTITIONER, NEWBERRY, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: There are some great medications on the market for women with low or no libido.

My husband suggested it to me — very nicely — and I promised to check it out. I did, and, oh my goodness, we're acting like teenagers again! — **ONE HOT OLD LADY, AND I DON'T MEAN HOT FLASHES, GLENDALE, ARIZ.**

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

THURSDAY EVENING

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CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (16) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	CSI: NY "And Here's to You, Mrs. Azrael" The CSI team has a long list of suspects when a woman is murdered in a hospital.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "The Case of the Cross-Dressing Carp" The team looks into the hanging death of a young man.		Without a Trace "Res ipsa" The team searches for a grieving mother who believes her son was tortured.		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Julia Louis-Dreyfus. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Ringo Starr. (N)		(3) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond "The Contractor"	(3) (10) Paid/ (7) Criminal Minds "Limelight" (N)	(2) Paid/ (10) CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider Sundance Film Festival. (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Ugly Betty "A Thousand Words by Friday" Betty thinks she has been assigned to interview a great novelist. (N)		Grey's Anatomy "Physical Attraction... Chemical Reaction" George and Izzie's romantic chemistry.		Big Shots "Who's the Boss?" Lisbeth becomes the chairwoman of Reveal after Terrence's death. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) The Kevin & Debbie Show: Skin Recovery/ (23) Springer	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight Ruben Studdard. (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune	Chuck "Chuck Versus the Undercover Lover" Chuck learns. (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice "A Knight on Broadway" Teams operate a one-day Broadway ticket booth. (N)		Chuck "Chuck Versus the Marlin" Captain Awesome asks Chuck. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien John C. Reilly; Vlasta, the International Queen of Polka; John Mayer.		Last Call With Carson Daly Shanna Moakler; Chingy.	Poker After Dark Phil Laak; David Williams; Annie Duke; Andy Bloch; John Juanda; Clonie Gowen.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld "The Bris" Jerry and Elaine are godparents.	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders help a contestant. (N)				(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10		(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) ★★★ Music of the Heart/ (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City Carrie's "agent."	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ Magazine	Communities: Bethlehem, PA		Mystery! During a murder inquiry, Lynley discovers the deceased was once his wife's lover.		Explore PA		Charlie Rose Orhan Pamuk and E.L. Doctorow. (N)		OnQ Magazine	Tavis Smiley (N)	Pioneers of Television "Game Shows"		The Jewish Americans "Home"	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Smallville "Blue" Clark meets his biological mother.		Supernatural "Fresh Blood"		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill "Traffic Jam"	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	★★½ Hoodlum (1997)				TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
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(59) WBGN	Temptation (N)	Temptation	Degrassi: Next	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Dead Like Me		Cold Squad "Deadly Games"		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Golden Parachute"		The First 48		The First 48 Double homicide.		The First 48 (N)		American Justice		The First 48		The First 48 Double homicide.		The First 48 (N)	
ABCFAM	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded-Life	★★★½ Pleasantville (1998) Premiere.					Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★★★½ The Hunt for Red October (1990)				★★ Sniper (1993)				Breaking Bad "Pilot"		★★ Shattered (1991)				Breaking Bad "Pilot"		★★★½ Awakenings (1990)	
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Profiles of Nature		★★★ Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993)				Animal Cops Skinny boxer.		★★★ Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993)				Animal Cops Skinny boxer.		Profiles of Nature	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Last Restaurant Standing (N)		BBC World News America		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Last Restaurant Standing		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Black Carpet	Somebody Help Me (2007)				Comicview		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Project Runway		Make Me a Supermodel (N)		Make Me a Supermodel		Project Runway		The Millionaire Matchmaker		Make Me a Supermodel	
CMT	Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	The Cable Guy	Comedy Club	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	20 Greatest Redneck Moments		Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Deal or No Deal		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		Deal or No Deal		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★★ Book of Love (1990)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Drawn Toget	Daily Show	Colbert Report	South Park	Drawn Toget	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents
COURT	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Speeders (N)	Speeders (N)	Speeders	Speeders	Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Forensic Files	Hwood Heat	Speeders	Speeders	Speeders	Speeders	Ocean Force	Ocean Force
CSPAN	House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman		MythBusters		Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman	
DISNEY	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Jump In! (2007)			That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	American Drgn	Buzz Lightyear	Timon-Pumbaa
E!	Snoop Father	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Celebrity Plastic Surgery		Forbes 20 Billionaire Heiresses		Donald Trump: THS		E! News	Chelsea Lately	The Daily 10	Girl Next Door	Snoop Father	Saturday Night Live		Chelsea Lately
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Duke at Virginia Tech.				Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Gamenight	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Stump-Schwab	Stump-Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing		Can't Blame	Can't Blame	American Gladiators		Bull Riding: Ride Hard Tour		Boxing		UWF Wrestling	UWF Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	2007 World Series of Poker		College Basketball Seton Hall at Providence.				College Basketball Michigan State at Northwestern.				Gamenight	Mix Tape Tour	X Center		Winter X-Games		X Center	
EWTN	Walk for Life	Living Hope	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Life on the Rock		Parable	Holy Rosary	Back Stage	The Pure Life	Web of Faith		Daily Mass: Our Lady		Life on the Rock		Parable	The Pure Life
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live "Real Men Cook"		Good Eats	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America		Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Iron Chef America		Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	SportsBeat	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers.					FSN Live	In My Words	College Basketball UCLA at Oregon.				Best Damn 50	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★½ Girl, Interrupted (1999)				★★ Flightplan (2005)				★★ Flightplan (2005)				'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid	Paid
GOLF	Post Game	Tiger's Clinic	PGA Championship Highlights		PGA Championship Highlights		PGA Tour Golf Buick Invitational — First Round. From Torrey Pines Golf Club in La Jolla, Calif.						19th Hole	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf Buick Invitational — First Round.			
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		How Much	Family Feud	Family Feud	Chain Reaction	Lingo	Whammy	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Out of the Woods (2005)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Small Space	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed-Sell	Carter Can (N)	Divine Design	Color Correct.	House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Over Head	Designed-Sell	Carter Can	Divine Design	Color Correct.	House Hunters	House Hunters
HIST	Modern Marvels Engines.		Modern Marvels "Dams"		Decoding the Past		Gangland "Blood Oath" (N)		Gangland		Man, Moment, Machine		Decoding the Past		Gangland "Blood Oath"		Gangland	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	★★½ Jersey Girl (2004)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Presidential Debate Republicans.				Rep. Debate Analysis		Countdown-Olbermann		To Be Announced			
MTV	True Life	True Life Separate identities.		Battle of the Sexes Band		Life of Ryan	Real World-Road Rules		True Life Alcohol addiction.		True Life Dieting.		True Life Big and beautiful.		Real World-Road Rules		Parent Control	Parent Control
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Captured	Snapped	Snapped	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		The Tyra Banks Show		★★★ Peggy Sue Got Married (1986)			
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs		Journalists Roundtable		PA Public Affairs										Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	Aesthetic Med	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Tornado: Nature Unleashed (2004)				★★½ Atomic Twister (2002)				Earthquake: Nature Unleashed (2004)				Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "S.R. 819"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		TNA IMPACT! (N)				Pros vs. Joes		MANswers	Whacked Out	Action Sports Championships		The Shield "Playing Tight"	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	★★ Without a Paddle (2004)				Sex and City	Sex and City	★★ Without a Paddle (2004)				★½ The Cookout (2004)	
TCM	Badlands	★★½ Terror on a Train (1953)			Camille (1936)				★★ Love Story (1970)			★★★ Anna Karenina (1935)				★★★ Waterloo Bridge (1940)		
TLC	Property Ladder		Rides Checkered taxi.		Wrecks to Riches		American Chopper (N)		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		Wrecks to Riches		Rides Checkered taxi.	
TNT	Law & Order "Ego"		NBA Pregame		NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Miami Heat.					NBA Basketball New Jersey Nets at Golden State Warriors.					Inside the NBA		★★★½ Seven (1995)	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Foster's Home	Courage-Dog	Grim Advent.	Gym Partner	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy	Metalocalypse	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	Alaska: Walk on the Wild Side		Great Cruises		Alaska Wide Open		Alaska's Arctic Wildlife		Feasty Boys	Treasures	Great Cruises		Alaska Wide Open		Alaska's Arctic Wildlife		Feasty Boys	Treasures
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	★★½ The Jerk (1979)				Good Times	Good Times	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford & Son	The Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Psych		★★½ Timecop (1994)	
VH1	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		My Fair Brady	Scott Baio 46	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Plastic Surgery Obsessions		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		My Fair Brady	Scott Baio 46	Women Seeking Women	
VS.	World Extreme Cagefighting		On Assign	Ruger's Adv.	Outdoor	World-Beretta	Legends of the Ring				Outdoor	World-Beretta	Legends of the Ring				On Assign	Ruger's Adv.
WE	★★★ Baby Boom (1987)				★★★½ Fried Green Tomatoes (1991)				★★★½ Fried Green Tomatoes (1991)						★★★ Baby Boom (1987)			
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	America's Funniest Home Vi		★★½ Dummy (2003)				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	D2: Mighty D.	★½ The Benchwarmers (2006)			★★ Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985)		★★ Sister Act (1992)					★★★½ Pulp Fiction (1994)					★½ The Benchwarmers	
HBO	★★★½ King Kong (2005)		Leopards Take Manhattan		Inside the NFL		REAL Sports		The Wire "Not for Attribution"		Hookers: 5 Years Later		Inside the NFL		Ghosts of Abu Ghraib (2007)			Real Sex Xtra
MAX	★★★ Exiled	★★★ Darkman (1990)			★★ Crackerjack (1994)				★★½ The Good Shepherd (2006) A founding member of the CIA places duty above family.						Bedtime	★ Wishmaster 2: Evil Never Dies (1999)		
SHOW	★★½ Last Holiday (2006)			★½ Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector	★★ Clerks II (2006)						The L Word "Lady of the Lake"		Gilbert Gottfried: Dirty Jokes		★★★ The Big Lebowski (1998)			
STARZ	★★ Annapolis (2006)			★★★ Bridge to Terabithia (2007)	★★★ High Fidelity (2000)						★★½ Invincible (2006)			★½ Haven (2004)				Da Vinci Code
TMC	Unzipped	★★½ The Hired Hand (1971)			★★ From Dusk Till Dawn (1996)				★★ 8 Heads in a Duffel Bag (1997)			★★ Sliding Doors (1998)			★★ Crawlspace (1986) Premiere.			Outside Ozona

FEATURES

ENGAGEMENTS

James R. Roberts & Michelle R. Holliday

Holliday-Roberts

The engagement of Michelle Lynn Holliday and James Richard Roberts has been announced.

Holliday, a 1999 graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School, is the daughter of Debra A. Wasko, of Sutersville, and Charles L. Holliday, of Newton Falls, Ohio, and the granddaughter of Juanita M. and Charles R. Holliday, of Rostraver Township.

Roberts is the son of Richard and Corinne G. Roberts, of Rostraver Township. He is a 2002 graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School and currently employed by SPHS MR Services.

A wedding is planned for May 15, 2009.

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VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Monessenite West Community Reunion

ANAHEIM, Calif. – The 23rd annual Monessenite West Community Reunion was held on Dec. 1 at the Anaheim Clarion Hotel, Anaheim, Calif.

"Monessenites" are former residents of the city who now reside in southern California and the western U.S. The theme was "You can take the people out of Monessen, but you can't take the Monessen out of the people."

There were 58 former Monessen residents in attendance. Bud Mauro served as master of ceremonies.

Mayor Anthony Petaccia, a 1986 Monessen High School graduate, addressed the group via a prerecorded DVD. The DVD was made on Nov. 10 at Petaccia's residence during a visit by Mauro, and his brother, Larry.

The luncheon featured a nostalgic video tour of the city. Ralph Salvino delivered the invocation, followed by the flag salute by Kaitlyn Mauro, 5, and her sister, Alyssa Mauro, 3.

The following people contributed door prizes to the event: Elva and Clark Vollbrecht, Ralph and Doris Salvino, and Roberta Mauro. Former MHS band teacher Chuck Jacks provided a music CD of the alma mater. Bud Mauro also acknowledged his son, Joseph, for creating the Monessen videos and CDs.

Seated from left are Pat Scuteri, Don Scuteri and Doris Dalton. Standing are Dick DiCenzo, Tom Lines, Bud Mauro.

Attendants received tokens of remembrance such as pencils, calendars and date books with "Monessen West Reunion 2007," inscribed. The event also featured many nostalgic items from Monessen, including yearbooks and recent editions of *The Valley Independent*.

The following people attended: Bud and Roberta Mauro, Lori and Tim Faley and their children: Tom and Amy, RJ and Maria Acosta; Joseph and Lori Mauro and their children: Kaitlyn and Alyssa; Roger Ciarrocchi, Edward and Carmen Sovich, Steve and Ann Kraynek, Don and Pat Scuteri, Pat Meli, Kassie Saccani, Robert and Gloria Baron, Dick and Stella DiCenzo, Tom and Judy Lines, Steve and Denise Hertale, Sally Slanker, Ernie and Laura Valenson, Bryce and Betty Kramer of Charleroi (close friends of the Valensons); Peter Jezerinac, Doris Dalton, Ralph and Doris Salvino, Donna Cowan, Bob and Joyce Cowan, Andy Dzerinko, Elva and Clarke Vollbrecht, Ida and Anthony Vukich, Cheryl and Don Cogan and their son Max; Guy and Dorothy MacKnight, Mary DelMonte and Anne and Addison Wooley.

Those wanting to attend the 2008 luncheon reunion can send an email to budmauro1@aol.com.

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CALENDAR WATCH

Friday

■ Donora High School Class of 1952 meeting, Campa's Restaurant, 1:15 p.m.

■ Cerini Harley-Davidson Buell sponsored "Dance the Night Away," to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association, Rostraver Grange, 6:30 p.m.

■ Charleroi AARP Chapter 1348 meeting, Riverside Place, 1 p.m.

■ Congregational meeting, Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, 6 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Trimble to speak in Monessen

Pat Trimble, of the Fayette County Genealogical Society, will speak at the Monessen Public Library's Genealogical Forum 6 to 8 p.m. Monday in the library's meeting room.

CPR class set at MVH

Monongahela Valley Hospital will hold Public CPR Instructions, 6 p.m., Tuesday at the Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. Adult CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes are offered by the hospital in conjunction with Valley Health and Safety Training Center (VHSTC). Advance registration is required at (724) 684-9536.

Marine Association planning reunion

The Third Marine Division Association will hold its annual family reunion July 30-Aug. 3 in Iselin, NJ Headquarters Hotel, Woodbridge Sheraton Hotel. Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of the Third Marine Division at any time since it was formed Sept. 16, 1942, is invited to attend. For information, contact Sgt. Major Bill Krueger, retired, at (703) 451-3844 or write 7622 Highland St., Springfield, VA 22150-3931 or visit the Web site at www.caltrap.com.

ANNIVERSARIES

Lundy 50th

Charles Lundy Jr., formerly of Charleroi, and Barbara Holzen Lundy, of Dayton, Ohio, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with relatives and friends on Jan. 25, during a dinner hosted by their daughters, Linda, Cathleen, Chrleen and Monique.

BIRTHS

■ **Giorgi** – JoMarie and Marc, Richlands, N.C., both formerly of Charleroi, a son, Anthony Orlando, Jan. 14, 2008, Onslow Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, N.C. Maternal grandparents are Patsy and Janet DeRienzo, of Charleroi. Paternal grandparents are Nino and Tamara Giorgi, of Charleroi. Maternal great-grandparents are Robert and Shirley Bosnyak, of Eighty Four. Paternal great-grandparents are Tito and Lorraine Giorgi, of Charleroi, and Josephine Pushnack, of Charleroi. The couple also has a daughter, Maria, 23 months.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: F equals V

"EKH NY HDL YHJKLB DJZLC JX HDL DSWEZ YJSI, OEHDLKLB JZNGNZOY JX WNYLKC EZB HKEFENI."

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You are not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory last,
We shall remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes on we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

2.
They say time heals all sorrows,
And helps us to forget,
But time so far has only proved
How much we miss you yet.
God gave us strength to fight it
And courage to bear the blow,
But what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

3.
You have taken your long last journey
In the beautiful ship, called Rest,
Away from this world of sorrow
To the home of Eternal Rest.

4.
Today recalls sad memories
Of our dear one gone to rest
And the ones who think of you today,
Are the ones who love you best.

5.
Within our hearts we'll always keep
A special place for you
And try to do our best to live
As you would want us to.
We loved you so, we miss you,
In our memory you are near
Loved, remembered and longed for,
Always treasured with love sincere.

6.
Your life is a beautiful memory,
Your death is a silent grief,
You sleep in God's beautiful garden,
In the sunshine of perfect peace.

7.
Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is the picture we tenderly hold.
Deep in our hearts - memory is kept,
To love, cherish and never forget.

8.
Our hearts are heavy,
Our thoughts are all of thee,
How we really miss you, dear,
No one but God can see.
Some say time heals an aching heart,
But, no, it isn't true,
For many long years have passed
And our hearts still ache for you.

9.
Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Loved dearly in life and living yet,
in the hearts of the ones who will
never forget.

10.
No one knows how much we miss you,
No one knows the bitter pain
We have suffered since we lost you,
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear loved one
That we do not think of you.

11.
Tonight the stars are gleaming
Upon a lonely grave,
Where sleeps one without dreaming
The one we loved but could not save.
The rolling streams of life pass on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the smile, the love, the voice,
Of the one who once sat there.

12.
Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear;
Fond memories linger every day
Remembrance keeps them near.

13.
Gone, dear loved one, gone forever
How we miss your smiling face,
But you left us to remember,
None on earth can take your place.
A happy home we once enjoyed,
How sweet the memory still,
But death has left a loneliness,
The world can never fill.

14.
The depth of sorrow we cannot tell,
Of the loss of one we loved so well,
And while you sleep, a peaceful sleep,
Your memory we shall always keep.

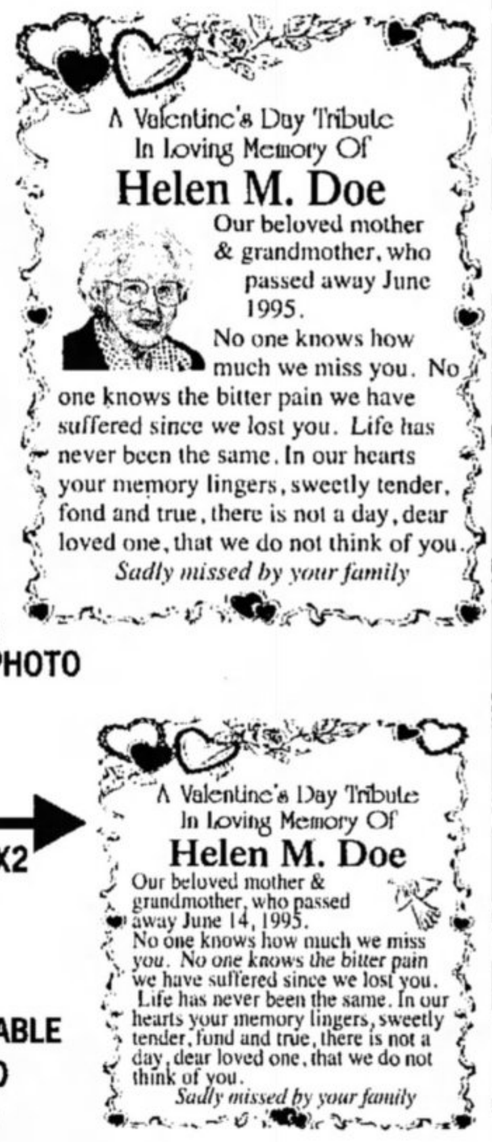
15.
I formed a mental picture
Of the one I loved so dear,
He (She) went to meet his (her) Maker
Without a trace of fear.
Sometime I hope to join him (her),
What a meeting that will be,
When we are again united
Beyond life's sea of dreams.

16.
Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many tears,
God only knows how much we miss you
At the end of these long years,
And when evening shadows are falling,
And we are sitting all alone,
There comes to us a longing,
If only you could come home.

17.
Peacefully sleeping, resting at last,
His (hers) weary troubles and trials past,
In silence he (she) suffered,
In patience he (she) bore,
'Til God called him (her) home
To suffer no more.

18.
When links of life are broken
And loved ones have to part,
It leaves a wound that never heals
An ever aching heart,
So it does not take a special day,
To bring him (her) to our minds
For days that we do not think of him (her)
Are very hard to find.

19.
Within our store of memories,
He (she) holds a place apart.
For no one else can ever be
More cherished in our hearts.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Part-time position, approximately 25 hrs/week. Assist district managers with the delivery of newspapers to subscribers on routes that temporarily have no carrier. Must possess valid PA driver's license and reliable vehicle. Hourly rate plus mileage. Applications available at The Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062 or email your resume to lhutchison@tribweb.com

1000/GENERAL

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MH/MR Support Staff

Laurel Highlands Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports persons with MH/MR developmental disabilities, is currently seeking part-time and full-time support staff to work in our community homes in the West Newton, Turkeytown Rd., New Stanton, and Elizabeth areas. No experience is necessary. Paid training. Must be at least 18 years of age and have valid PA driver's license. Starting rate is $8.63/hour with benefits after 90 days, increase to $8.86/hr after 6 months. EOE. Call ONLY Mon.-Fri., 9-3pm. 412-825-9141.

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Highlands Hospital

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Assistant Director Rehab

Licensed PT to assist Director with coordination of rehab services (including speech and OT) and on-site fitness center. Will also provide clinical PT services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Diabetes Program Support

RN or RD with experience in Diabetes Education.

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For inpatient care setting. Related experience or a sincere interest in developing mental health nursing skills required.

Nurse Practitioner

CRNP with mental health and/or research experience. Must be independent worker and detail oriented.

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Human Resources Dept.
Highlands Hospital
401 E. Murphy Ave.
Connellsville, PA 15425
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1040/MEDICAL

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The Protective Services Program of Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is accepting applications from qualified candidates. Responsibilities will include receiving and investigating reports of abuse of older adults, carrying out client assessments, developing service plans, providing emergency involuntary intervention and serving on the 24-hour Emergency Team. Master's Degree in Social Services desired or a Bachelor's Degree in Social Services or related field with a minimum of 3 years' direct aging experience required. Interested persons must submit resume to P.O. Box 66, Charleroi, PA 15022, Attention: Department 0814. For Additional Information, Log On To Our Home Page Address At www.sphs.org. Our E-mail Address Is postmaster@sphs.org
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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Elchak, Michael
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Michael Elchak, late of Charleroi Borough, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all those indebted thereto to make immediate payment, and to all those having claims or demands to present them for settlement and/or consideration by the undersigned.

Peter J. Carozza,
Executor
4200 Brownsville Road,
Suite 11
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Richard C. Mudrick
Attorney at Law
300 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
1/10,17,24

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Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday **AQUARIUS**

FRIDAY, JAN. 25, 2008

January 20 through February 18

Some of your larger successes in the year ahead may come about through intuitive hunches rather than from sheer logic alone, so anytime you get a feeling about something, don't dismiss it lightly because it could be your ticket to success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A joint endeavor in which you are involved may demonstrate a big lack of parity when the greater parts of the burden fall on you. Unless you can set things right, you might want to rethink the partnership.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Don't allow anyone to rush you into taking a position before you've had a chance to review all contingencies. If you respond irresponsibly under pressure, chances are you'll regret it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- In your haste to get things done, you have a tendency to put the cart ahead of the horse. If you are working on a complex assignment, take extra time to use proper procedures so you don't get in trouble.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Some social plans you have on the calendar will be changed at the last minute, so instead of making a big stink about it, bite the bullet and go along with it or you will spoil your own fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- An established objective that you thought would be a breeze may instead turn out to be a never-ending task, causing one problem after another. Don't get discouraged because of the delays.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Usually you are the type of person who checks things out thoroughly before getting into anything, but instead, you might fall in love with a harebrained idea and jump head first into an empty hole.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Check things out before volunteering to manage something that is destined to be more costly than anyone anticipates. You may not want to be the one who is blamed for what transpires.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Your mate or partner might be the faster thinker, but remember that does not necessarily mean his or her judgment is superior to yours. Take ample time to add your say, and hash things out so that mistakes aren't made.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Your concentration may not be up to its usual standards, so think twice before starting a project that takes deep focus and attention to detail. If need be, postpone what needs doing until another time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Unless you are very diplomatic about handling things, you could hurt a friend's feelings by inadvertently making it obvious you'd rather be in the company of someone else. Be very careful about what you say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Continuity of purpose is the first rule for being effective at whatever it is you are striving for. It isn't likely you will fulfill your expectations if you go about things in fits and starts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Be careful when in the presence of someone who is a skilled inquisitor that he or she doesn't get you to spill the beans about a confidential matter. Others involved will hold you accountable.

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